

British Society of Gerontology – The Future of Ageing Research: 11th November 2015

Anna Dixon, CEO of Centre for Ageing Better – *Ageing Better, what works, developing the contribution of the Centre for Ageing Better?*

Who are we?



- ➤ The Centre for Ageing Better is an independent charitable foundation working to help everybody enjoy a good later life
- ➤ We are a What Works Centre, part of the What Works network, an initiative which aims to improve the way government and other organisations create, share and use high quality evidence for decision making
- ➤ We aim to help everyone prepare better and ensure fewer people miss out on a good later life

Our vision



Vision	A society where everybody enjoys a good later life
Mission	We will develop, share and apply evidence to help people age better
	We will bring fresh thinking to the challenges and opportunities that everyone faces as more people live longer
	We will bring about change to improve later lives
Principles	Start with the person
	Driven by evidence
	Focused on change
	Independent and confident
	Open and collaborative

Types of activities



- **Synthesize** what we already know about what works to enable more people to enjoy a good later life
- **Strengthen** the evidence by generating new analysis, research and evaluations to fill gaps in what we know
- **Seed** new initiatives by developing and testing innovative new approaches with the potential to improve people's lives
- **Scale up, spread and sustain** proven approaches in order to impact as many people as possible
- **Share** by communicating effectively what we learn about what works with people and organisations who can act on it
- **Secure change** by convening and influencing others who can implement changes