

Baroness Newlove
Our vision for safe and active communities:
Government Progress Update



going live at Civil Service Live

Baroness Newlove spoke to hundreds of civil servants at **Civil Service Live 2011** about these guiding principles. She was joined by Ruth Owen (Chief Operating Officer, Jobcentre Plus), staff from the Department for Communities and Local Government who are active volunteers, and Hayley Bell, a mother of eight and a community activist from Offerton, one of the seven neighbourhoods featured in *Our vision for safe and active communities*. This event demonstrated both the breadth of the partnerships that can spring up when people think creatively about volunteering, and the enthusiasm this can inspire.



In times of reductions in public sector spending, brought about by the need to tackle the budget deficit, Baroness Newlove believes more than ever in building on the wishes of public servants to serve the public – not compelling them but encouraging them to look into the choices available. She would like a more unified policy and equal opportunity for civil servants across government. This would remove barriers and allow those who wish to take part to do so. Her belief is that as government is asking ordinary people to step up and become active, it must lead by example and support its own employees to be part of this national movement.



True Volunteer Foundation

Going forward, Baroness Newlove has made clear that she would like to build on the best of the volunteering opportunities going on outside or in partnership with Government, such as the *A Day in the Life* programme run by NCVO, True Volunteer Foundation (www.truevolunteer.org) and 'v' national young volunteers service (www.vinspired.com).

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DCLG will support Baroness Newlove in working across Government and with external partners to increase the momentum on public service volunteering, taking forward the principles set out in her speech to Civil Service Live 2011.

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