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The importance of memories: This film from Social Care TV is about the importance of getting to know the person with dementia, learning about their memories and experience, understanding their history and likes and dislikes. This film is useful for care staff, care managers, social workers, nursing staff, people with dementia, friends and families of people with dementia, carers, care providers, trainers, training providers, social care workforce, social care staff. [watch the film](#)

Building Dementia Friendly Communities - A Priority for Everyone

This report by the Alzheimer's Society highlights the need for communities to become more dementia-friendly. The report tells a sad tale in that 44% of people with dementia feel like a burden and avoid getting involved in their community. Alzheimer's Society highlights 10 areas communities can focus on to work towards becoming 'dementia friendly'. These include challenging stigma, including people with dementia in local life and highlight the importance of accessible transport and businesses that are respectful and responsive. [Read the full report.](#)

The Economic Contribution of Older Londoners Older people are often

perceived as being a burden on their families and a drain on the public purse. The GLA has published a report to challenge this stereotype. It values the economic contributions older Londoners make through their paid work, caring for adults, providing childcare and volunteering at £53 billion a year. [read more](#)

New awareness training for bus drivers Transport for London (TfL) has launched a new accessibility awareness training programme designed to give bus drivers a greater understanding of the needs of older and disabled passengers. The training will be delivered to all of the capital's 24,500 bus drivers by the end of 2014 and builds upon the extensive training London's bus drivers currently receive. [read more](#)

The sandwich generation: Older women balancing work and care Older women are increasingly caught between the dual responsibility of caring for their grandchildren and elderly parents while endeavouring to maintain a professional career, according to a new report by the IPPR. It argues the so-called 'sandwich generation' are suffering because of disincentives and inflexibility in the labour market. [read the report](#)

Number of centenarians living in England and Wales increasing: the Office for National Statistics has confirmed - in 1981, there were only 2,420 people aged 100 and over, however this has increased to 12,320 in 2012. [Link to release.](#)

Cabinet Office supporting ITV's Take a Moment campaign by giving £5 to Text Santa for every qualifying good deed that

people register. [ITV's Take a Moment](#) campaign which launched on 9 September aims to encourage people to give something back to their local community through small acts of kindness.

Warming up the lives of millions – latest official Winter Fuel Payment statistics Official figures reveal that last winter 12.5 million older people across Britain received the Winter Fuel Payment. In 2012-13 the government will have spent about £2.15 billion in Winter Fuel Payments – with 95% of payments made before Christmas. Meanwhile, new eligibility criteria is being introduced for those living in EEA countries with warmer climates. [read more](#)

Bank of gran and grandad opens for university: Up to 1.7 million grandparents expect to have to contribute towards university fees. Around 364,000 grandparents have already contributed. Grandparents are expecting to have to dig deep to help grandchildren afford university fees, reveals new research [read the report](#)

The latest edition of *Generations* from Ipsos MORI explores the differing attitudes, values and expectations across generations, tracking how they change over time. Reassuringly, the report finds that we're very far from a "generational war"! [Link to report.](#)

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