



Commonwealth Story Project

CommonAge collation of tales told by nonagenarians to young people living in the Commonwealth in 2017

Information for the story teller

To celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's 65 years as Head of the Commonwealth along with the longevity of many of her subjects, we are collecting stories from people across the Commonwealth who are also in their 90s. We would also like to hear the life stories of couples who are in their 90s.

The Queen's life was influenced by World War Two and shaped by the early death of her father in 1952 whilst her marriage and children have been a thread of continuity throughout her life. Her Majesty has also seen immense technological developments in transport, communications and entertainment which have influenced her everyday life. Her life has been an inspiration and stabilising influence to many, and by her example, she has contributed to and personified the 2017 Commonwealth theme of a "Peace Building Commonwealth".

Men and women who are in their 90s have also led interesting and fascinating lives with all its ups and downs, and we would love to hear about them. By asking a young person to write these stories, we will also find out how young people across the Commonwealth perceive and interpret the life stories they are learning about.

As you are a fellow nonagenarian, we would be delighted if you could share your life story to help young people learn about different experiences and what it is like to have lived such a long life.

At least one story from each country will be selected for inclusion in a very special book.

If your story is selected for the book and you agree, we will also publish your photo and possibly make a short film to introduce you and your country to people living in other countries.

The book will be launched at the inaugural CommonAge "Commonwealth Elders' Forum" in the UK in April 2018. This forum is linked to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM).

Further details can be found at www.commage.org or

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