

A STOCK EXCHANGE FOR MEMORIES: COPING WITH THE PAST THE ENGLISH WAY

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The subject of this article is a project (named Age Exchange) carried out in Blackheath/London that concerns with the best way in which the memories of the elderly should be treated. Apart from its value as oral history source material, knowledge of the past here is used as a means of enhancing intergenerational communication, of encouraging social and creative activities, and of treating the social handicaps experienced by certain strata of the population, especially among older people. Because of the need to come to terms with the past, and of the wide and potentially dangerous gulf between the generations, this article offers some worthwhile suggestions.