



Securing More Funds for Local and National Charities

Chair: Rachel Ruxton, Head of Communications, People's Postcode Lottery
Malcolm Fleming, Public Affairs Manager, People's Postcode Lottery
Dame Helen Ghosh, Director General, National Trust
Oonagh Aitken, Chief Executive, Volunteering Matters
Wendy Morton MP, PPS to the Secretary of State for International Development

Fleming gives an insight into the creation and the work of the People's Postcode Lottery (PPL) before speaking about charity law and funding. He explains that the People's Postcode Lottery is regulated by the Gambling Act 2005 which restricts the turnover of each charity lottery (maximum aggregate value of tickets per year is £10 million; maximum value of tickets that can be sold in any single large lottery is £2 million). He explains that this caps the amount of money that can be made and therefore limits the amount of money that can be given to charity. The PPL is calling on the Government to

- raise annual turnover limits from £10 million to £100 million
- raise the draw limit from £4 million to £10 million

Fleming argues that this will release more funds, help connect funds to charities and help reduce administration costs (as less trusts are needed). He lists current support for these demands: Lotteries Council, Hospice Lotteries Association, Institute of fundraising, over 60 major charities supported by Charity Lotteries, parliamentarians. Fleming talks about the PPL's support for the National Lottery, saying that they both fund many of the same charities and that the two sources of funding are 'complimentary'. He says that the current gambling law protects the National Lottery in various ways: the law keeps it separate from charity lotteries with its limits on turnover and prizes.

The next two speakers express their support for the demands of the PPL.

Ghosh praises PPL for its work and talks extensively about the different ways in which it has supported the National Trust. She talks about the National Trust's current and future projects and explains how the PPL is vital to making them happen.

Aitken talks about the work of Volunteering Matters and how the PPL's funding is essential. She justifies Volunteering Matter's receipt of funding by speaking of the social impact of its work. She praises the PPL for its transparency, and says that one of the charity's strengths is that people can see where their money is going.

Morton speaks of the different charities in her constituency who depend on PPL funding. She praises the work of volunteers and stresses the benefits of volunteering: coming together, contributing to the local community; she also speaks of the social impact of volunteering. She highlights the

importance of the work of this type of organisation in areas where the Government is unable to help. She talks about not just the work of PPL at a local and national level but also overseas.