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# **Agenda**

## Introduction

What is Corporate Social Responsibility ("CSR") and why it is important

#### **CSR** in action

- The potential benefits of CSR
- Increasing employee engagement

## Using our expertise...

- Engaging in CSR within the pensions world:
  - "Micro pensions"
  - Adequacy of UK pensions and the future of retirement
- Recent developments from the Resource and Environment Board

## **Summary & questions**

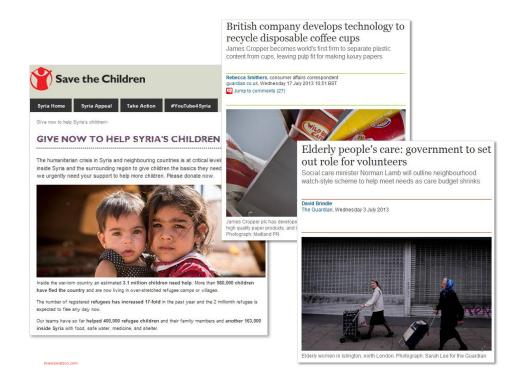
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## What is CSR?

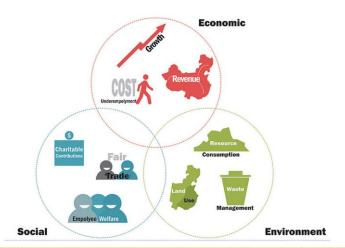
 Using our time, money and talents to have a positive impact on the communities where we live and work



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# **Embedding CSR – the "Triple Bottom Line"**



Fourth element – focus on future generations, long-term sustainability and intergenerational equity

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# The potential benefits of expanding employee engagement in CSR...

- Team building and motivation
- Opportunities for connecting employees across locations, levels and lines of business
- Leadership opportunities
- Recruitment and retention
- Enhancing the working environment
- Building relationships / partnerships with external organisations
- Commercial factors

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# Communicating with employees on CSR...



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# **CSR** community

- Sub-set of interested employees from across all levels and areas of the business
- Designated leadership team with executive sponsorship
- Clearly defined business plan with key performance indicators
- Targeted communications using a variety of channels
- Community members encouraged to:
  - Raise awareness
  - Act as local ambassadors
  - Suggest ideas
  - Organise events

All underpinned by a clearly-defined global CSR strategy

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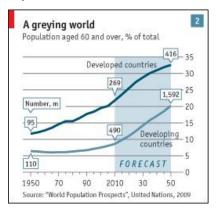


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## "Micro pensions"

- Intended to provide second / third pillar old age income security in developing countries to informal sector workers, for whom the current level of pension provision is very low
- Operated by a Microfinance Institution (MFI)
- Typical micro pension design is:
  - · fixed system of contributions
  - funds invested by professional asset manager
  - benefits provided as regular lump sums
- Research by HelpAge International shows that these programmes significantly reduce the probability that the recipient's household will be in poverty



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# "Micropensions"

 Micropensions schemes are supported by the Pension and Development Network (part of the charity WorldGranny based in the Netherlands) Pension & Development network

- Examples of recent schemes include those in Bangladesh, Honduras and Guatemala
- Need the support of pensions experts to help design and establish the schemes in conjunction with MFIs

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# CSR implications of UK pension scheme design

- Adequacy
- Level of understanding and appreciation of pensions
- Increased flexibility created by the March 2014 Budget
- How will retirement look in the future – how can we play a role in ensuring "retirement" benefits meet the needs of the UK workforce...?



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Is 75 the new 65?
Rising to the challenge of an ageing workforce



## Is 75 the new 65? Rising to the challenge of an ageing workforce

The importance of health and talent management



"How can we get the best out of people, given their specific talents - no matter their age?"

"We need to see a new culture in companies, one where you don't consider an employee's chronological age at all."

" ... better awareness of health issues and prevention ... impacts the motivation of the workforce and their dedication."

Making simple changes to the work environment - like wooden flooring, which is easier on the workers' joints such as knees and hips, or monitors with bigger fonts - resulted in significant improvements for employees."

"We need to keep older workers fully engaged and keep their skills and knowledge for longer. Some companies are already doing this, but many are unsure of their options. The key to engaging and retaining older workers is to adjust work to their needs."

"Change the work, not the people."

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## Is 75 the new 65? Rising to the challenge of an ageing workforce

Rethinking retirement

# Healthy workers Health and wellbeing will be increasingly important for employers Strongly Agree Somewhat agree The state will play a reduced role in providing healthcare Healthcare costs will increasingly fall on employers Healthcare benefits will be increasingly important to employees Strongly Agree Somewhat agree

Easing into retirement

Greater flexibility

Job sharing

Part-time working

Working from home

Flexible working patterns

Portfolio careers

Phased retirement

If older people maintain a healthy lifestyle there is no reason why they can't choose to continue to work well beyond the pensionable age and contribute in some way, at no extra burden to the Employer.

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#### **Resource and Environment Board**

- Established in 2013
- Chaired by Oliver Bettis
- Building on the previous work of the Resource and Environment Member Interest Group (MIG)
- Recent developments / topical issues:
  - Response to the Law Commission's Consultation Paper "Fiduciary Duties of Investment Intermediaries"
  - "Stranded Assets"
  - Draft European pensions directive includes references to sustainability and climate change
  - Actuaries Climate Index (ACI)
  - Extreme risks

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## **Key points**

- Increasing employee engagement in CSR brings wideranging benefits, both internally and externally
- Getting communications right is key
- There are a variety of ways we can participate in CSR within our day-to-day work, using our expertise and influencing change

## **Questions / comments?**

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