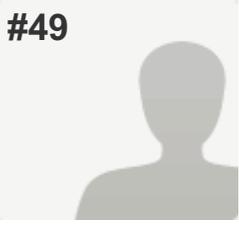


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## PAGE 2: RESPONDENT INFORMATION

<b>Q2: Would you be happy to be approached by the Commission for further discussion about your submission?</b>	Yes
<b>Q3: Do you consider yourself or your organisation as from or representing?</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
<b>Q4: I am responding as an:</b>	An individual

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<b>Q5: You have indicated that you are responding as an individual. Do you agree to your response being made available to the public on the Commission's web site?</b>	Yes
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<b>Q6: If you have agreed to your response being made available to the public, please tell us if we may also make your name and address available.</b>	Yes, make my response available, but not my name and address
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<p><b>Q7: You have indicated that you are responding on behalf of an organisation. The name and address of your organisation will be made public on the Commission's web site. Are you content for your response to also be made available?</b></p>	<p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>
<p><b>Q8: Which of the following best describes your organisation?</b></p>	<p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>
<p><b>Q9: Please provide a short description of the main purpose of your organisation.</b></p>	<p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>

<p><b>Q10: CURRENT SYSTEM OF COUNCIL TAX: To what extent does the current system of council tax deliver a fair and effective system of local taxation in Scotland? Are there any features of the current system that you wish to see retained or changed? Please illustrate your answer with any examples from your own experience.</b></p>
<p>I think the CT is wrong. Taxes should come from those with the broadest shoulders. Only people who are in work. Unemployed people shouldn't pay CT.</p>
<p><b>Q11: REFORM OF LOCAL TAXATION: Are there alternatives to the current system of council tax that you think would help to reform local taxation in Scotland? What are the main features of these, and why do you think they would deliver improvement? Do you have any examples of why this is the case?</b></p>
<p>Land tax - landowners should pay taxes dependent on their share of land ownership at its rateable value.          income tax - people should be taxed dependent on their income. The more you earn, the higher the taxes you pay. Like the Norwich model high wages/high tax economy so that those who are unable to work are free from paying taxes.          A basic income for unemployed people would ensure those who are unable to work.</p>
<p><b>Q12: LOCAL PRIORITIES: How well do you think that communities' local priorities are accounted for in the way that local taxation operates at the moment? If there is room for improvement, how should things change? Do you have any ideas or examples about how this could improve people's lives?</b></p>
<p>Integrated services are a good example - health &amp; social care. Whether Mr X or Mrs Y is being cared for at home or in hospital putting systems in place to share information and provide care whether at home or in hospital.</p>
<p>children's services need to be in place to look after children while parents are at work. Teachers should work on a rota and perhaps work out of hours to help provide care to allow parents to work.</p>
<p>Doctors at health centres should work out of hours on a rota to provide services for people who work.</p>
<p>Local authorities have to be more accountable to the people in their community. They need to be more transparent. They need to be more efficient.</p>

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**Q13: FURTHER INFORMATION:**We would like to keep the conversation going. Please tell us about any events, networks or other ways in which we could help achieve this.

Children should have more outdoor activities. Adventures in local woodland and visits to local castles, parks, rivers....

Older people should be encouraged to learn how to use iPads and engage in social media like twitter. It would help them keep in touch with the outside world without having to venture out in the world while alone at home.