

**Group Award Winner
Thinking for Change**

(Man talking: There was an old woman who lived in a bottle.)

Michelle Whitworth (Age Concern North Tyneside): I've called the project, Thinking for Change. It's using a model called Philosophy for Children. This is normally done in schools, but the difference, the way we do it is that we involve older people as helpers.

Vox: Philosophy is a fancy word for it.

(Boy talking: She shouldn't of carried on doing it.)

Vox: It's getting children to disagree or agree in a very amiable manner, you know what I mean?

(Man talking: And the fairy overheard and thought ah...)

Michelle: You have what's called a shared stimulus and that maybe a story, a photo, a news article and the aim is to get a philosophical type of question.

(Boy talking: Why did the fairy keep on granting the woman's wishes?)

Michelle: Some of the best questions will be ones that open up to more questions.

Vox: You have to learn some of the modern rules about dealing with children.

Michelle: Some of the volunteers have gone through what's called the Level 1 training in Philosophy for Children.

Vox: It keeps the brain going. You know, the body might be going but the brain's still active.

(Boy talking: And then the fairy got fed up.)

Vox: I think I'm learning every bit as much as the children are learning.

Vox: It's turned out to be very refreshing and very fulfilling.