

Committee: Transcript

This is the script for a DWP public information film about mobility impairment.

Open on a schoolroom where there are a dozen or so people standing around a circle of tables taking a short break from a meeting. At each of the places are numerous papers. The Chairman, a rather pompous and self-important person, raises his voice to get the meeting started again.

Chair: OK people, shall we get going again? We've all got homes to go to.

The committee members retake their places, including a woman with mobility difficulties. The Chairman continues to speak, aiming his remarks specifically at a few people including the woman, as she settles herself and places her crutches beside her chair.

Chair: OK. Next item on the agenda - sub-committees. For the benefit of new governors, we're all expected to help out on at least one sub-committee.

The chairperson turns to the woman with the crutches.

Chair: Susan, perhaps you could help with Special Needs.

Susan: I'd much rather be on the Finance committee.

Chair (patiently): We try to make use of governors' experience in the sub-committees they serve on.

Susan (firmly): Good, because I'm a qualified chartered accountant.

Chair looks a little taken aback and there are a few smiles around the table.

Chair: No. That wasn't what I meant.

Woman: I work for a Recruitment Consultancy - how about me doing Personnel?

All eyes turn to the Chair enjoying his discomfort at being challenged and this rare occasion where he seems lost for words.

Susan: So David, do I assume being spokesman for a fertilizer manufacturer, qualifies you to be the Chair of Governors?

There is general laughter.

Super: See the person + www.disability.gov.uk + DWP logo

Voiceover: See the person not the disability.