

Stagnation versus Relocation

'Every man carries within him a world which is composed of all that he has seen and loved, and to which he constantly returns, even when he is travelling through, and seems to be living in, some different world'. Francois de Chateaubriand

I love my home with its built-in downstairs studio. It is my castle and offers shelter from the world. It is a place where I can step back from the hustle and bustle and make my own decisions, at least while I stay fit and healthy. I have no desire to retire, as it is my choice to continue a career I began twenty five years ago.

In this aging population, staying longer in the workforce is becoming something that may not be a choice. Governments have decided that everyone is fit enough to work until 70 years old and are legislating to that effect. Even if we are extremely passionate about our work some of us might find it unsuitable, or even unsafe at an advanced age.