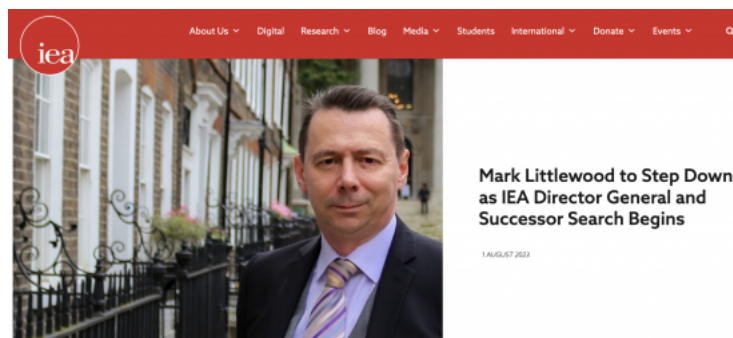


The House of Lords really does not need Mark Littlewood

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I have, for well over a decade, met Mark Littlewood, the director of the Institute for Economic Affairs, on a regular basis. That is because we have presented the Radio 2 budget commentary for a long time, rarely agreeing on almost anything.

Over the weekend, I noticed this:



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After a distinguished 14-year tenure, Mark Littlewood is stepping down as the IEA's Director General.

What's he going to do, I wondered? The [Guardian reminded me](#) this morning:

At least two people said to have declined resignation honours from Liz Truss

Ex-prime minister seeking to hand out peerages and other honours but one person reportedly felt too 'humiliated' to accept anything



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📷 Liz Truss resigning as prime minister on 25 October 2022. As a former PM she is entitled to draw up a list of those she wants to honour. Photograph: Tayfun Salci/Zuma Press Wire/Rex/Shutterstock

Leave aside that Truss should not have a resignation honours list. The issue of concern is that it is known to include Mark Littlewood, and I am sure that he has not refused what has been offered to him.

There are some people whose appointment to the Lords can only reinforce the case for its abolition. Mark Littlewood is one of them.