

Westminster Education Forum Keynote Seminar: Sport and healthy lifestyles for children - participation, implementing the Childhood Obesity Strategy and the role of schools and local authorities

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 15th September 2016

Venue: Sixty One Whitehall, London SW1A 2ET

Agenda subject to change



- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Christina Rees MP, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Women's Sport and Fitness
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Policy priorities for children, sport and the 'inactivity crisis'**
Nick Pontefract, Head of Sport, Department for Culture, Media and Sport
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.25 **Improving access, inclusivity and diversity in youth sport in and out of school**
What more can be done to improve access to sporting opportunities for those most under-represented in sport at school age, such as young girls and children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), and what lessons can be learnt from current examples of best practice? With growing concerns that the cost of joining a local sports club can be prohibitive for some young people, what more can be done to ensure that those from the most disadvantaged backgrounds are not 'priced out' of sport; would increasing out of hours access to local school sports facilities, as has been suggested by some teaching unions, provide one possible solution? For children living in urban areas and with limited access to green spaces, how best can it be ensured that schools, clubs and sporting bodies work together to provide sufficient opportunities for outdoor recreation, and what more can be done? What has been the impact to date of the School Games initiative and how successful has it been in inspiring more young people to take part in competitive sport - what further steps might be taken? In what ways can broadcasters encourage and increase young people's participation in sport?
Alison Oliver, Chief Executive, Youth Sport Trust
Professor Anne Power, Professor of Social Policy, London School of Economics and Political Science
Jonathan Tearle, Headteacher, Mowbray School, North Yorkshire
Max Beverton, UK Policy Manager, Sky
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 - 10.45 **Case study: can sport be used to tackle youth gang culture and crime?**
Colm Whitty, Director, AIR Sports Network
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Christina Rees MP, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Women's Sport and Fitness
- 10.50 - 11.15 Coffee
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Gavin Newlands MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Scottish Sport
- 11.20 - 12.00 **Encouraging healthy eating and active lifestyles amongst children**

'Why we need to work together to reduce Childhood Obesity'
Loretta Sollars, Programme Manager, Childhood Obesity, Public Health England

'Promoting physical activity in areas of high deprivation'
Jane Ashworth, Chief Executive, StreetGames

Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 - 12.55 **The role of local authorities and schools in promoting youth sport and implementing the Childhood Obesity Strategy**
What more can local authorities and schools do to ensure that greater opportunities for engaging in sport are available to children and young people locally - how can councils, County Sports Partnerships and schools be encouraged to work together to better improve youth sports provision? How effective will measures contained in the government's childhood obesity strategy, such as a voluntary 'healthy schools rating scheme' and funding for breakfast clubs and school sport from a 'sugar tax', be in helping tackle childhood obesity; how should primary schools approach encouraging children to exercise for 60 minutes each day, and in what ways can they successfully engage parents? How can local authorities ensure that organisations which manage facilities on their behalf make a significant contribution to promoting youth activity, particularly in their engagement with schools? What will be the likely impact of the broadening of Sport England's remit to cover sport outside of school from the age of 5, instead of 14, and its plan to provide specialist training to two teachers at every school? With local authorities now responsible for delivering public health, are sufficient efforts being made to better integrate physical activity and healthy lifestyles into public health policy and what examples of best practice currently exist?
Duncan Wood-Allum, Director, The Sport, Leisure and Culture Consultancy (SLC)
Gary Palmer, Strategic Lead - Children and Young People, London Sport
Councillor David Brake, Chairman, Health and Wellbeing Board, Medway Council
Elaine Wyllie, Founder, The Daily Mile
Dean Horridge, Chair, ukactive Kids Board
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Gavin Newlands MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Scottish Sport
Dieuni Welihinda, Forum Lead, Westminster Education Forum