

**Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum Keynote Seminar:
Implementing the School Food Plan - education, standards and free school meals**

Timing: Morning, Monday, 2nd June 2014

Venue: The Caledonian Club, 9 Halkin Street, London SW1X 7DR

Agenda subject to change



- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Myles Bremner, Director, School Food Plan
- 9.05 - 9.25 **Children's nutrition - public health priorities**
Linda Cregan, Chief Executive, Children's Food Trust
- 9.25 - 10.05 **Improving school food standards**
Perspectives on Government's plans for revised school food standards from September 2014. Do the proposals for improved school food standards succeed in the aim of regulation that is less burdensome and cheaper to implement? What more should Government be doing to ensure the framework allows caterers to produce appetising, creative and nutritionally balanced menus? Following criticism that the regulatory exemption for academies set up between 2010-2013 might lead to a two-tier system of nutritional standards, what might need to be done to ensure the nutritional quality of food served in schools not covered by new regulations? With a recent briefing paper from Public Health England calling for a reduction number of fast food outlets near schools, how can local authorities work with businesses and communities to help improve the quality of the food environment around schools?
Alison Nelson, Commissioning Manager, Food for Life Partnership
Catherine Hinchcliff, Head of Customer Marketing, Bidvest 3663
Dr Susanna Pettersson, Director, The Finnish Institute
Questions and comments from the floor with **Linda Cregan**, Chief Executive, Children's Food Trust
- 10.05 - 10.55 **Implementing universal free school meals**
With universal free school meals due to be introduced from September 2014, what more should Government be doing to ensure schools have access to the facilities, equipment and expertise needed to implement the scheme? What lessons can be learnt from schools involved in the free school meals pilot schemes, and what best practice has been established on issues such as access to funding and the organisation of kitchens? What potential is there for expanding the system to include more pupils, and what challenges and opportunities exist for scaling up the scheme? With food poverty recently labelled as a 'public health emergency', what more should Government and local authorities be doing to ensure children have access to nutritional food outside of the times they are eligible for free school meals?
Theresa Aanonson, Headteacher, St Luke's Primary and Nursery School, London
Lindsay Graham, School Food and Health Advisor
Mark Davies, Divisional Director, ISS FS Education
Harriet Green, Nutrition, Research and Schools Project Manager, Magic Breakfast
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 - 11.00 **Chairman's closing remarks**
Myles Bremner, Director, School Food Plan
- 11.00 - 11.30 Coffee
- 11.30 - 11.40 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Judy Hargadon, former Chief Executive, Children's Food Trust
- 11.40 - 12.25 **Food education and the challenges for introducing cooking to the curriculum**
What impact will the introduction of cooking lessons to the national curriculum for Key Stage 1-3 in September 2014 have on children's diets, and with concerns being expressed over the lack of suitable equipment and facilities available to schools, what are the challenges for its implementation? How can Government help schools integrate food education into the design and technology, and wider curriculum, and what more can be done to ensure schools have access to suitably skilled staff and the necessary space in the timetable needed to implement the scheme? What will be necessary to ensure that all children have equal opportunity to participate in cooking lessons, and what examples are there of best practice in this area? With the development of children's knowledge about where food comes from and how they can make healthy choices a key priority of the School Food Plan, what opportunities exist for Government, schools and industry to work together to better inform children and parents about healthy food?
Louise Davies, Lead Food Technology Consultant, Design and Technology Association
Stephen Morales, Executive Director, National Association of School Business Management
Malcolm Clark, Co-ordinator, Children's Food Campaign, Sustain
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 - 12.55 **Implementing the School Food Plan**
Myles Bremner, Director, School Food Plan
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**
Judy Hargadon, former Chief Executive, Children's Food Trust
Steve Moat, Senior Producer, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum