

Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum Keynote Seminar:

Next steps for school food and children's nutrition

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 3rd March 2015

Venue: Royal Over-Seas League, Over-Seas House, Park Place, St James's Street, London SW1A 1LR



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Sharon Hodgson MP, Shadow Women and Equalities Minister and Chair, All Party Parliamentary Group on School Food
- 9.05 - 9.25 **Progress and priorities for the School Food Plan**
Myles Bremner, Director, School Food Plan
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 - 10.15 **Implementing the aims of the School Food Plan: universal infant free school meals and food education**
After coming into effect in September 2014, what are the early indicators of success in the implementation of universal infant free school meals (UISFM)? What examples of best practice can be taken from the early stages of implementation? Is the universal free school meals policy showing an impact in raising attainment rates of infants? Does more need to be done to incorporate the latest research linking nutrition and child behaviour and attainment into school meal plans? What issues remain in the introduction of breakfast clubs to primary schools and how realistic is the National Policy Forum's call to make breakfast clubs universal? In light of the Department of Education announcing allocations of funding bidding, what more can be done to assist schools struggling financially to implement UISFM?
Fiona Hamilton-Fairley, Chief Executive Officer and Principal, The Kids' Cookery School, London
Dr Michael Nelson, Director, Public Health Nutrition Research
Sue Fletcher-White, Food Education Manager, Colham Manor Primary, Middlesex
Fiona Moir, Healthy Schools Co-ordinator, Somerset County Council
Amanda Donnelly, National Development Manager, Food for Life Partnership
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 - 10.25 **London's Flagship Food Boroughs and the wider food environment**
Rosie Boycott, Chair, London Food Board
- 10.25 - 10.45 **Improving school food standards and perceptions in Northern Ireland**
Jennifer McBratney, Lead for Food in School Policy: Public Health Agency for Northern Ireland
Judith Hanvey, Regional Food in Schools Coordinator, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
Questions and comments from the floor with **Rosie Boycott**, Chair, London Food Board
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Sharon Hodgson MP, Shadow Women and Equalities Minister and Chair, All Party Parliamentary Group on School Food
- 10.50 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Sir Nick Harvey MP
- 11.25 - 12.20 **School food standards, and improving nutrition beyond the school gate**
Are current measures of monitoring school food standards effective and does more need to be done to ensure that standards are monitored thoroughly across all schools? What opportunities exist for improving the financial sustainability and up-take of school meals? What steps can be taken to improve communication and co-ordination between local authorities and schools to further improve catering facilities and food education capabilities? Should new school food standards be extended to cover all academies? What further steps could be taken to help schools to implement the mandatory cookery in the new National Curriculum? Are current structures proving effective in supporting schools to improve their catering facilities, including smaller and rural schools? Are tighter controls needed on the proximity of fast food and convenience stores to schools? What more needs to be done to reach children most in danger of food poverty? In light of the School Food Plan's call to extend free school meals to all primary school students, what is the latest thinking on raising the age threshold for free school meals?
Bill Bartlett, Corporate Affairs Director, McCain Foods GB
Olayinka Ewuola, Director, Eagle Solutions Services
Adele Godsmark, School Health Partnerships Adviser & Healthy Norfolk Schools, Children's Services, Norfolk County Council
Councillor David Simmonds, Chair, Children and Young People Board, Local Government Association and Councillor, London Borough of Hillingdon
Amy Roberts, Head of Nutrition and Education, Chartwells
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 - 12.30 **'Schools, community groups and food education'**
Guy Mason, Head of Corporate Affairs, Wm Morrison Supermarkets
- 12.30 - 12.40 **Future priorities for school food and children's nutrition**
Linda Cregan, Chief Executive, Children's Food Trust
- 12.40 - 12.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**
Sir Nick Harvey MP
Sam Dolton, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum

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