

## Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum Keynote Seminar: The future of school food and children's nutrition

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Venue: Telford Theatre, One Great George Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3AA



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
**Sharon Hodgson MP**, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on School Food
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Challenges for improving school food**  
**Linda Cregan**, Chief Executive, Children's Food Trust  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 9.40 **Local authorities, procurement and the future of school food**  
**Anne Bull**, National Chair, Local Authority Caterers Association (LACA)
- 9.40 - 10.35 **Implementing the School Food Plan - free school meals, regulation and finance**  
*What is the latest thinking on the economic, health and educational benefits of Government's recently announced intention to provide free school meals to all infant school children from September 2014, and what are the challenges for its implementation? Following the announcement of Government plans to consult on the introduction of revised food-based standards for all schools, what more needs to be done to create a simple and effective set of regulations? With academies set up between 2010-2013 currently due to be exempt from new school food standards, how can Government and local authorities ensure standards are maintained in this subsection? What impact will £16.1 million of new Government funding have on the capacity of schools to provide healthy and nutritious lunches, and what opportunities exist for creating new and creative sources of funding in this area? Following the Chief Medical Officer for Wales' call for a ban on fast food outlets near schools, what more can be done to reduce children's access to unhealthy food outside of the school gate?*  
**Malcolm Clark**, Co-ordinator, Children's Food Campaign, Sustain  
**Neil Fuller**, Managing Director, Caterlink  
**Michael Nelson**, Director, Public Health Nutrition Research  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Anne Bull**, National Chair, Local Authority Caterers Association (LACA)
- 10.35 - 11.00 **The role of schools in tackling childhood obesity**  
**Professor Terence Stephenson**, Chairman, Academy of Medical Royal Colleges  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 - 11.05 **Chairman's closing remarks**  
**Sharon Hodgson MP**, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on School Food
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**Zac Goldsmith MP**, Member, All-Party Parliamentary Group on School Food
- 11.35 - 12.30 **Educating children and parents about healthy food**  
*With the improvement of food education a key recommendation in the School Food Plan, what more should Government be doing to develop knowledge of healthy eating and balanced diets? What impact will the introduction of cooking lessons to the national curriculum for children aged 7-14 in 2014 have on children's diets, and with concerns being expressed over the lack of suitable equipment in schools, what are the challenges for its implementation? What more can be done to ensure parents have access to the best information regarding healthy food and age-appropriate portions? With the recent horsemeat scandal raising concerns over the prevalence and low quality of cheap food eaten both in schools and in the home, should Government be doing more to promote the consumption of fresh and locally produced food? Following the Academy for Royal Medical Colleges' recent report calling for food manufacturers and retailers to include labelling targeted at children and adolescents on their products, what more could industry be doing to better inform children and parents about healthy food?*  
**Joanna Lewis**, Head of Policy, Food for Life Partnership  
**Dr Joanne Lunn**, Nutritionist, Waitrose  
**Claire Rosling**, Community Engagement Worker, The Community Farm  
**Glyn Owen**, Class Teacher, Ashton Vale Primary School, Bristol  
**Jared Brading**, Executive Headteacher, Sacred Heart RC Primary School, London and St Mary's Catholic Primary School, London  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **The future of school food policy**  
**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**  
**Zac Goldsmith MP**, Member, All-Party Parliamentary Group on School Food  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum