

Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum and Westminster Education Forum Keynote Seminar: The future of school food - finance, fairness and procurement

Timing: 7th September 2010

Venue: Sixty One Whitehall, London SW1A 2ET

Agenda subject to change

- 8.45 - 9.00 Registration
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods MP, Shadow Minister for Business, Innovation and Skills
- 9.05 - 9.30 **The view from the School Food Trust**
Themes: Five years on from the introduction of the School Food Trust, what changes have been made to school food, both in terms of nutritional content and the eating experience in schools? What are the latest statistics on take-up of school food, including free school meals? What are the priorities for future development in a difficult economic climate?
Judy Hargadon, Chief Executive, School Food Trust
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 9.50 **Changes in schools: case studies**
Themes: Since the establishment of the School Food Trust in 2005, what changes have been seen in schools? How have these changes been felt by pupils, teaching and catering staff, as well as the wider school community?
Helen Plaice, Headteacher, Todmorden High School, Calderdale
Alexander Clark, Headteacher, Atwood Primary School, Croydon
- 9.50 - 10.00 **Food, behaviour and development**
Themes: Have changes to school food had an effect on pupils' behaviour and results? How could the school meals service be further improved?
Dr Michèle Belot, Research Fellow, Centre for Experimental Social Sciences, Nuffield College, University of Oxford
- 10.00 - 10.10 **Transforming school food culture: personal and parental responsibility**
Rob Lyons, Deputy Editor, spiked
- 10.10 - 10.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 - 11.00 **Education about food: inside and outside of the classroom**
Themes: How can young people be encouraged to learn about food, cooking and healthy eating? How can this information be transmitted to a wider audience, such as parents and other carers? Do schools have the necessary resources to teach children about cooking and food, and who should cover the cost of ingredients? Looking towards September 2011 and the introduction of compulsory food technology lessons for Key Stage 3, do further changes need to be made in schools, such as increasing training and improving equipment? How might taking teaching and learning outside of the classroom help pupils to learn about food provenance and production, as well as nutrition? Should there be a role for food companies in education about food and healthy eating?
Roy Ballam, Education Programme Manager, British Nutrition Foundation
Bill Graham, Head of Education, Farming & Countryside Education (FACE)
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 - 11.05 **Chairman's closing remarks**
Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods MP, Shadow Minister for Business, Innovation and Skills
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Diana Johnson MP, Shadow Minister for Health
- 11.40 - 11.55 **Creative procurement and school food**
Themes: How can schools and local authorities use purchasing power to provide healthy and sustainable food that is available to all? Is local sourcing important for school food procurement?
Professor Kevin Morgan, Professor of Governance and Development, School of City and Regional Planning, Cardiff University
- 11.55 - 12.10 **Financing the school food of the future**
Themes: How might school food be affected by the future reduction in grant-in-aid funding of the School Food Trust? What are the likely implications for schools, catering staff and local authorities? Should school food be subsidised for all, and should funding be determined by means-testing schools?
Dr Gavan Conlon, Partner, London Economics
- 12.10 - 12.25 **The role of the catering sector**
Themes: How has the catering sector responded to the drive to improve school meals and canteen facilities since the introduction of the School Food Trust? How has the work of the Trust affected training, pay and conditions for school caterers? What are the future priorities for caterers in ensuring the quality and availability of school meals, particularly in the context of potential constraints on public sector spending?
Jane Bristow, Managing Director, Corporate Services and Education, Sodexo
- 12.25 - 12.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.45 - 12.55 **Reviewing the issues: a response from the School Food Trust**
Theme: A response to the morning's discussion.
Judy Hargadon, Chief Executive, School Food Trust
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's closing remarks and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**
Diana Johnson MP, Shadow Minister for Health
Michael Ryan, Senior Producer, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum