

## Westminster Education Forum Keynote Seminar:

### Young people's services - funding for youth activities, developing the National Citizen Service and implementing Positive for Youth

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2012

Venue: Central London

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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
**Gordon Henderson MP**, Member, All-Party Parliamentary Child and Youth Crime Group
- 9.05 - 9.25 **Services for young people - 1 year on from the Select Committee Inquiry**  
**Graham Stuart MP**, Chairman, Education Select Committee  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 - 10.10 **Developing the National Citizen Service (NCS) and International Citizen Service (ICS)**  
*What lessons can be learned from the pilot schemes of both the National and International Citizen Services? What would be required in order to ensure the NCS is effective in meeting its aim of 'building community cohesion'? How can Government ensure a mix of young people from different social backgrounds take part in the NCS? Should the NCS actively seek to engage pupils who have been excluded from school, and young offenders? Is there a case for the NCS to become compulsory for all 16-year olds? Does the NCS strike the right balance between activities such as 'outdoor challenges' and voluntary work? Are the proposed charges for the NCS appropriate and are the fees likely to impact on participation levels? How should the effectiveness of the ICS be measured to ensure that the scheme provides value for money, both for individuals and Government?*  
**Danielle Powell**, Head of International Placements, Restless Development  
**Christine Davidson**, Youth Manager, Cleveland Police (National Citizen Service pilot scheme provider)  
**Dr Anthony Seldon**, Master, Wellington College, Berkshire and Author, *Trust: How We Lost it and How to Get it Back*  
**Olivia Davidson**, Member, Bolton Lads and Girls Club  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.10 - 10.55 **Young people's services now - funding, volunteering, youth clubs and the role of the private sector**  
*What should the statutory duty for Councils be for providing services for young people? Could NCS funding be better utilised to provide 'year-round' youth services and volunteering opportunities, as suggested by the Education Select Committee? Should businesses involve young people to a greater extent in their CSR activities? What new models of youth service provision are emerging from the first Youth Innovation Zones? What impact have MyPlace centres had so far; are the centres providing value for money? Is there a disparity in the provision of youth clubs across rural areas, and if so, how can local authorities provide services on an affordable basis? Will the raising of the education and training participation age to 18 increase the role of schools and colleges in providing extracurricular youth services for 16-18 year olds? Should Government - local or national - take measures to support private leisure providers to ensure services such as arcades, ice rinks, bowling alleys etc. are available and affordable for young people?*  
**Councillor Alison Thomas**, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Norfolk County Council  
**Sarah Robinson**, Foundation Manager, The Co-operative Foundation  
**Peter Kilkenny**, Deputy Managing Director, Link4Life  
**Councillor Helen Binmore**, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham  
Headteacher  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 - 11.00 **Chairman's closing remarks**  
**Gordon Henderson MP**, Member, All-Party Parliamentary Child and Youth Crime Group
- 11.00 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
**Rt Hon David Lammy MP**, Member, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Race and Community and Author, *Out of the Ashes: Britain after the riots*
- 11.25 - 11.35 **Promoting the voice of young people**  
**James Cathcart**, Chief Executive, British Youth Council
- 11.35 - 12.30 **Positive for Youth - young people's voice in local and national decision-making**  
*What needs to be done to improve the image of young people in the popular press, particularly in light of the 2011 summer riots? What can be done to develop young people's understanding of democracy in the UK? Are existing Young Mayors and local youth councils effective in ensuring the voice of young people is reflected in local authority decision-making; in what other ways could councils involve young people in devising policy? Should the UK Youth Parliament be given a more formal role in national decision-making affecting young people? What form should the proposed new National Scrutiny Group, made up of youth representatives, take and what legislative functions should the group perform?*  
**Councillor David Simmonds**, Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services, Hillingdon Council  
**Lindsay Johns**, Writer and Broadcaster  
**Nahimul Islam**, Young Mayor, Tower Hamlets Council  
**Bradley Austin**, Member of Youth Parliament, Bracknell Forest, UK Youth Parliament  
Questions and comments from the floor with **James Cathcart**, Chief Executive, British Youth Council
- 12.30 - 12.55 **The future for young people's services - the view from Government**  
**Tim Loughton MP**, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Children and Families, Department for Education  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster Education Forum thanks and closing remarks**  
**Rt Hon David Lammy MP**, Member, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Race and Community and Author, *Out of the Ashes: Britain after the riots*  
**Sean Cudmore**, Senior Producer, Westminster Education Forum



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