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what we eat**

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**CHALLENGING
THE LEARNING
ABOUT FOOD**

THURSDAY | 05 JUNE 2014



When

In June, the first in a series of meetings and conferences to discuss the food science and technology curriculum in schools will take place in central London. We have planned two follow-up meetings, one in the autumn on October 18th 2014 and one in the spring of next year.

Why

Many young people are confused about 'good' and 'bad' foods and how their health may be affected by them. We need to minimise confusing messages. Changes to the National Curriculum and the academisation of many schools could result in less focus on food and its central importance. Whom, now, should take the lead to avoid this?

Our approach is fundamental: to promote and develop a new rationale and agenda for learning about food. Learning about food cannot take place in isolation, so we will examine this pivotal subject by looking holistically at the food, science and technology curriculum and the other formative experiences of young people.

Particular attention will be given to the science underpinning the behaviour of food, cooking processes and nutritional quality. The role of existing and emerging food technologies and how they impact on the way food is produced, distributed and consumed is complex will be highlighted.

We will also consider what learning should take place about the roles of the consumer, the food industry and government agencies in influencing, monitoring, regulating the food we eat.

Awareness of the importance of sustainable development of food supplies locally, nationally and globally and self-efficiency generally will help to protect the planet.

EVENT AGENDA >

10.00 - 10.30	Arrival Coffee, Tea, Juices, Snacks
10.30	Introduction Purpose, Strategic Plan, Intended Outcomes
10.40 - 11.15	The Chemicals of Life and what young people think Protein, Sugars, Fats, Salts, Alcohol, Natural Flavours
11.15 - 11.45	Changing what we eat Department for Health perspective
11.45 - 12.30	What would you provide for young people to learn? A short breakout session
12.30 - 1.00	Lunch and Networking
1.00 - 1.30	Results from Breakout Session
1.30 - 2.00	Views from the Panel of Guests School Leaders, Academics, Institutions, Commercial Sector
2.00 - 2.30	Department for Education perspective
2.30 - 3.30	Key Findings What matters about food education? Learning for young people Skillling Schools Shaping a positive environment for food and health Creating Excellence Agenda for the Open Invitation Meeting in October



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The Open University in London
1-11 Hawley Crescent, Camden Town, London, NW1 8NP
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Intended Outcomes

- A critical examination of what we currently do.
- Inspire schools to re-position food in the curriculum.
- An overarching conceptual framework for schools and colleges.
- The development of a research group to advise on solutions. A think-tank.
- Practical and theoretical school based activity including teacher training.
- Literature with re-presented fundamental knowledge about foods including relevant scientific and technological language and content.
- Teachers, young people and their parents being better equipped with the skills of preparing healthy and appealing food.

Whom

Consultation with all key stakeholders: teachers, school leaders, academics, industrialists, institutions, professional organisations, students, commercial leaders and celebrities.

The Department for Education and Department for Health are both invited and there are education experts and academics from all the subject areas as well as professionals from the relevant industrial and commercial sectors.

Programme Series

The meeting in June is by invitation only.

We do hope that you are able to join us. If not, please recommend a close colleague.

The planned follow-up meeting is an open event. It will be at Prince Philip House in Central London on Saturday, October 18th 2014.

There is also an international meeting planned in the spring of 2015.