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## Children’s Future Food Inquiry Meeting Notes

### Stakeholder Meeting, Edinburgh, Scotland Thursday 22 March 2018, 3.00 – 5.00pm

#### Introduction

The Parliamentary Inquiry into Children’s Future Food has the support of a cross party group of 14 parliamentarians, two All Party Parliamentary Groups and the Children’s Commissioners in all four UK nations. This support reflects the growing concern across the UK of the impacts of poverty on the diets, health, development and wellbeing of children. Until now children’s own experiences and perspectives have been largely absent from policy thinking and political discourse about food and poverty. The Inquiry will address this critical gap.

The Inquiry will build a national consensus on what needs to be done to prevent children’s food insecurity and to ensure their food is both nourishing and sets them up for a healthy and productive future.

This meeting is the first Inquiry stakeholder meeting that took place in Scotland, hosted by the Bruce Adamson, Children and Young People’s Commissioner for Scotland and committee member for the Inquiry.

#### Attendees

First name	Second name	organisation
Alex	Ward	Food Foundation
Andrew	Tomlinson	Church of Scotland, Church and Society Council
Ann Marie	Miller	Cash for Kids
Anna	Gryka	Obesity Action Scotland
Anna	Taylor	Food Foundation
Bill	Gray	NHS Health Scotland,
Bruce	Adamson	CYPCS
Chelsea	Stinson	Children’s Parliament
David	Watts	Rowett Institute of Health and Nutrition,
Debbie	Fraser	Cash for Kids
Eddie	Follan	COSLA
Elaine	Kerridge	Children in Scotland
Elli	Kontoravdis	Nourish Scotland
Joel	Meekison	Unicef representative
Kirsty	Morrison	Scottish Youth Parliament, Administration and Policy Assistant

Laura	Ferguson	Trussell Trust
Laura	Wyness	Nutritionist and Researcher
Lindsay	Graham	Food Inquiry
Lorna	Aitken	Education Scotland
Maddie	Brown	Scottish Youth Parliament member
Máire	McCormack	CYPCS
Nicky	Joiner	ASSISTFM.COM
Phil	Alcock	Scottish Government, Health and Wellbeing unit
Phillipa	Whitford	MP Committee member UK
Rosie	Whelan	Scottish Government, Social Justice,
Sheila	Hamilton	CYPCS
Tom	Whalley	Fixers

## **WELCOME**

*Dr Philippa Whitford MP, Deputy Chair of the Inquiry, Bruce Adamson, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland*

## **Briefing on the plans for the Inquiry**

*Anna Taylor, The Food Foundation*

- Looking at this issue as a rights issue is important and the reports of children being afraid of school holidays is very concerning
- Food is fundamental to health, wellbeing, development and unless we get policy right on children's food we are failing our children
- We are putting children at the heart of this inquiry and ensuring it is solution led
- The Inquiry can help to link people together, helping local networks to form, helping to stimulate the scaling up of good ideas and evidence based approaches
- Essential that the newsletters are a collaborative effort including blogs, news and events around the country
- The Inquiry outcomes will be heavily influenced by the young people who are involved and so we don't yet know what policy concerns might be highlighted

[PowerPoint Slides](#)

## **Opportunities to link the Inquiry process into the policy process in Scotland**

### **Roundtable discussions:**

- Good Food Nation bill – first half of this year for consultation – broad legislation looking at the food system
- Education Bill, attainment gap, people equity gap and link to school meals
- Food Growing strategies which all local authorities are developing and which should have a poverty and inclusion element.
- Diet and obesity strategy for which the consultation has just closed.
- Local Governance Bill
- The Social Security Bil which gives power to Ministers to top up and create new benefits
- School food regulations being reviewed (The Children's Parliament is involved)

- Loneliness and isolation and the role of food
- Rural aspect to all consultations and bills
- Child Poverty Act which will include statutory targets
- Year of Young People
- STV (Scotland TV) children's appeal (in association with The Hunter Foundation)
- Weight on our shoulders
- Right here right now campaign (Scottish Youth Parliament's campaign on young people's rights)
- Child and adolescent health and wellbeing action plan
- Children as human rights defenders (Commissioners young ambassadors championing issues important to children and young people)

The importance of using these networks as trusted voices to reach groups and communities such as gypsies and travellers, migrants and young carers.

A suggestion was made to mobilise young people to make funding applications to create events that bring more young people together.

#### **Opportunities to feed into the Inquiry: mobilisation of networks**

- The Poverty Truth Commission
- The Youth and Children's parliament
- Laura from Trussell Trust – pass onto young people to give them a voice
- Church of Scotland (via Andrew Tomlinson) who have a series of congregations who are doing work on holiday provision, and others who are working with refugees
- Cash for Kids who are working on holiday provision
- Community Health Exchange (via Bill Gray)
- People Inclusion Network (via Chelsea Stinson, Children's Parliament)
- Scottish Food Coalition (via Elli Kontorradis)
- Children's Rights Alliance
- MSPs network of >1100 voluntary organisations
- Together (via Chelsea, Children's Parliament)

#### **New evidence which the Inquiry should consider:**

- Mapping underway of local authorities work on holiday provision

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