

# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS CONFERENCE 2015

## UNITING COMMUNITIES

This exciting day's conference for school students and teachers involved in Community Action projects through their schools will be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at King Edward's School, Birmingham. The conference is organised by the ISC Working Party for Community Action, and all students and their teachers are welcome; please note that any school sending students **MUST** send at least one member of staff.

### Keynote Sessions to include:

**John Bird** is the founder of 'Big Issue' - the well-known community magazine sold by people largely in need, giving them employment and support. He himself was homeless when a child and in and out of prison when young. In 1991, with Gordon Roddick, he founded the Big Issue and in 1995 was awarded an MBE for services to the homeless.

**Tom Harrison** is the Director of Development at the Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues and leads on all the development projects. As well as many other initiatives, he is currently working on a PhD at Birmingham University, researching into the influence of the Internet on the character and virtue of the English youth.

**Ashoka UK** is a fellowship which works to promote social enterprise in all sorts of fields. It selects individuals who have been exemplary in their drive and achievement in bringing about social change. They will lead the Challenge for the conference, involving students in an interactive session in the area of climate change and environmental sustainability.

**Birmingham Citizens** is an organisation based upon the shared humanitarian values of justice, dignity and self-respect. It offers local organisations across Birmingham a way of acting on their shared values and ideas, whilst simultaneously developing their people as citizens and communities of action.

**Alive and Kicking** manufactures quality sports balls in Kenya, Zambia and Ghana. Their footballs (soccer balls), volleyballs, netballs, handballs and rugby balls generate employment for over 120 people, provide a product tailored for the African market and are used as a tool for raising health awareness. Established in 2004 by the late Jim Cogan OBE, an inspirational teacher with a passion for African development, they are the only formal manufacturer of sports balls on the African continent. His vision was to see the large scale production of sports balls in Africa - to use the continent's passion for football to boost local economies, provide children with the right equipment to play and to use sport to help combat the spread of deadly disease.

**George Fielding** is an ambassador for the 'iwill' campaign. The #iwill campaign is run by Step Up To Serve, an independent charity set-up to coordinate all related activity. #iwill aims to make social action the norm for all 10-20 year olds in the UK by 2020. Youth social action is defined as 'young people taking practical action in the service of others', such as volunteering, fundraising or campaigning. #iwill also promotes the fact that social action not only benefits the young participants, but also strengthens their communities, creating a 'double benefit'.

**Alex Ntung** is Head of Education, Inclusion and Participation for the Project for Education in a Diverse UK. He will speak about using the curriculum at Key Stages 2 and 3 to teach about, with and for migrants, refugees and asylum seekers. His own history is remarkable, having survived extreme poverty, homelessness, child-soldiering and extreme violence as a child, and the Rwandan genocide as a young man.

### StudentMeet

StudentMeet, King Edward's School, Birmingham #SMKESB

What is #SMKESB? StudentMeet KES, Birmingham (#SMKES) is a unique opportunity for Students to share and inspire each other through their experience of establishing projects and events that lead to more effective youth social action. It follows on from the main youth conference at KES.

What is a StudentMeet?

More and more teachers around the UK are attending "TeachMeets" as an excellent form of professional development. At KES we are hosting one of very few events focused on students - a "StudentMeet" - which enables students to learn from one another about what has worked (and what hasn't) projects, large and small, in their own schools. It is all about practical solutions and insights - ideas you can take away and use immediately.

What can you do at #SMKESB?

StudentMeets are free and open to all. Please come along to listen, chat, ask questions or present. Come and be inspired and excited by those around you. It's a great opportunity to network, too. It is fast paced, enjoyable and always enlightening.

If you'd like to present, we want to hear from you and find out what excites & inspires you: a project, a website, a resource or an experience for example. You can give a presentation in any format either micro (7 minute) or nano (2 minute) - with or without slides. Or join in and participate by being there to support, encourage and listen.

Whatever you decide to do, please register on this webpage <http://bit.ly/SMKESB> and follow the instructions.

## Booking

The conference fee is £18 per delegate, to include lunch. Fees, once paid, will be non-refundable.

Cheques should be made payable to: 'Community Matters Conference' and sent to Jeremy Orme, Canford School, Wimborne, Dorset.BH21 3AD or BACS: 60-04-09 account 63868067

Book early to reserve places; names of staff and students can be confirmed after reservation.

I wish to reserve ..... places at £18 per delegate. I request the following special dietary

requirements:.....

E-mail to Jeremy Orme [jro@canford.com](mailto:jro@canford.com)

Name\_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ tel no.....