

## Consultation Questions

### Glasgow 2014 - Delivering a Lasting Legacy for Scotland

Background YouthLink Scotland and its members welcome the consultation on the legacy of the 2014 Commonwealth Games and the Games itself. It is a fantastic opportunity for Scotland to showcase its rich cultural diversity, sporting excellence and ability to host world

class events. YouthLink and its members feel that young people and youth organisations will be keen to play a significant role in the Games as competitors, spectators, volunteers and as part of the cultural programme. YouthLink Scotland asks that the Scottish Government involve youth work organisations and young people in all aspects of planning, preparing, developing and delivering the 2014 Commonwealth Games as well as the legacy of the Games. Young people and youth organisations form the part of Scottish society that can potentially benefit most and bring most enthusiasm and commitment to these Games, and YouthLink asks that the Scottish Government give them as much ownership as possible of this process. Wealthier and Fairer Cultural Links YouthLink Scotland would suggest that the Scottish Government and Games Organising Company acknowledge and take advantage of the considerable number of cultural and sporting youth organisations in Scotland and seek to involve them directly in the development of the cultural and sporting programmes for the Commonwealth Games. These organisations have much to offer and could help to contribute to this process. An example of excellent partnership work currently being developed in the youth sector is the Bellshill and Mossend YMCA's Health and Wellbeing project was set up in April 2005. The project works with 11 to 18 year olds, from 3:30pm to 5:30pm currently on week days with the hope of weekend work in the near future. During these sessions young people have access to personal training classes in a young person's gym, diet and nutrition workshops with a state registered dietician, cookery classes, badminton, table tennis and other team sports. Staff from the project also work with the NHS Locality team to deliver smoking cessation classes and girls groups in both local secondary schools. The girls groups are aimed at young people who have been identified as being in danger of falling into the more choices, more chances category and promote positive mental health, motivation and self esteem. The project also works with the local Mosque providing football and fitness training to young Muslim men and sporting activities to young Muslim women and their mothers. YouthLink Scotland believes that such projects

highlight the diversity of work taking place within the youth sector in relation to health and wellbeing and cultural activities. Joint work with such organisations and projects to promote the Commonwealth Games, recruit volunteers and involve young people would certainly strengthen the involvement of Scottish society with the Games. YouthLink Scotland would like to see a fund related to developing the cultural programme for the Commonwealth Games open to youth organizations, to assist with developing events, and improving/building facilities.

Transport There is a national entitlement card which incorporates the Young Scot card that has limited free transport for some young people. Enhancement of this scheme for all young people would be welcomed. Un/Underemployment YouthLink Scotland is already working with youth organisations across the country to help reengage with over 20,000 young people currently outside of education, employment and training and recognises the particular prevalence of this in Glasgow. YouthLink Scotland recommends that when developing training and work interventions for these groups as part of the employment objectives of the Games, for example in the development of the Athlete's village, that the Scottish Government involve youth organisations and youth social inclusion partnerships in developing programmes targeted at young people in need of more choices and more chances as well as diverting resources into training and supporting this group, particularly in Glasgow, but all over Scotland. Smarter Volunteering Supporting, training, promoting and improving volunteering, particularly amongst young people, in Scotland is a key concern of YouthLink's membership. YouthLink welcomes the opportunity the Commonwealth Games provides for young people and youth organisations to volunteer. We would like to see a comprehensive youth volunteering programme as part of the Games that includes provision for accommodation, food, language learning, training, and debriefing. We would also suggest that childcare for young parents be included. This would be an ideal way to remove barriers to volunteering for hard to reach groups. YouthLink Scotland acknowledges that skills gained through volunteering should be recognised and asks that

***Question 1: QUESTION 1: Are the benefits you***

*would like from the games covered in this paper?*

the Scottish Government use existing structures to help recognise these achievements through initiatives such as youth achievement awards. We would also suggest that the Scottish Government develop and promote these volunteering opportunities in cooperation with Community Learning and Development partners and national and local voluntary youth organisations so as to ensure the opportunities are taken up by local young people. We would recommend that the Scottish Government target young people across Scotland and not only in the Glasgow area so that more young people benefit from this considerable life opportunity.

YouthLink Scotland feels strongly that volunteer recruitment for the Games should begin as early as possible. The Games Organising Company should be recruiting volunteers to work with them as soon as possible to foster enthusiasm for the Games volunteering process and create volunteer ambassadors for the Games who will assist in future larger volunteer recruitment drives closer to the Games. Collaboration with organisations such as Youth Scotland, Volunteer Development Scotland and Project Scotland would be an excellent way to bring this about. Learning YouthLink Scotland would welcome the development of learning materials through Learning Teaching Scotland for the Commonwealth Games. YouthLink would propose that the Scottish Government, in cooperation with the youth sector, develop a complementary pack of resources for use with young volunteers and youth groups. The pack for schools should focus primarily on the history and cultural aspects of the Games, and the complementary youth pack should focus on local involvement and promoting volunteering associated with the Games. This could potentially be used in cooperation with the development of exchanges and international visits through the Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council. It is important to recognise that the Commonwealth Games are in fact six years away and that today's young people will be the young adults of 2014. We therefore have an opportunity to build a generation of advocates and champions for the games if we start the process of education and development, through avenues such as youth work, as soon as possible.

YouthLink Scotland welcomes more young people coming to live in Scotland due to Fresh Talent but reminds the Scottish Government that young people coming into Scottish society require support and resources from the youth sector this is already putting pressure on existing resources and creating funding issues for the youth sector. This also has an implication when considering the issue of Unclaimed Assets.

Healthier YouthLink Scotland welcomes using the Games as a catalyst to encourage people to become more physically active. To meet an increased demand in this regard, we would like to see sports facilities in towns and cities across Scotland opening later in the evenings and weekends, offering more activities for young people. We would like to see this developed in cooperation with local youth services with rewards/incentives and substantial discounts for young people to access sports facilities through use of the Young Scot card throughout Scotland.

YouthLink Scotland welcomes the encouragement of alternative alcohol free social venues staying open later at night and making their facilities available to young people. This should be encouraged across Scotland and not only focus on the Glasgow area so that all Scottish young people benefit from the Games.

Safer Regeneration YouthLink Scotland would like to see affordable housing in the Dalmarnock area for young people in need of decent social housing. We would, however, like local young peoples' views to be taken into consideration when planning this area. YouthLink Scotland reminds the Scottish Government that young people also suffer from the effects of anti-social behaviour, and suggests that by taking the views and ideas of young people into consideration when planning new areas, local planning partnerships could potentially help avoid problematic areas or hotspots.

Offenders A great deal of hugely positive work is currently being undertaken to build the skills and life opportunities of offenders both in prisons and in the wider community. YouthLink Scotland believes that further investment work with offenders in prisons and communities, particularly young offenders would help achieve the Government's targets to reduce offending behaviour by 2% by 2011. YouthLink Scotland

	<p>therefore calls for a more strategic approach and further investment involving the youth sector towards work with young people in prison and at risk of offending behaviour to help achieve the Government's targets. Greener YouthLink Scotland would like to see young people involved in the direction of the 2014 Environmental it is their future which such enterprises seek to assure and such involvement can also heighten their awareness and education in such matters.</p>
<p><b><i>Question 2: QUESTION 2: Is there anything else we should be doing?</i></b></p>	<p>The 2012 Olympic Games taking place in London and the 2014 Commonwealth Games taking place in Glasgow present a tremendous demand on Big Lottery Funding. Money previously enjoyed as a life blood of the third sector is set to be diverted towards the Games and therefore away from youth organisations which have come to rely on this funding stream. YouthLink Scotland would like the Scottish Government to ensure that this funding shortfall is made up for in other ways. In England and Wales, the Unclaimed Assets funds were entirely diverted towards youth work services and facilities. YouthLink Scotland would like to see the Scottish consequential of Unclaimed Assets largely diverted towards youth work in Scotland. This would go some way towards making up for the losses youth work will incur in Lottery funding through the Games. YouthLink Scotland also hopes that the Scottish Government will ensure that the legacy of the Commonwealth Games and any funding streams that emerge as part of this process will aim to compensate further for the loss of lottery funding.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give the youth sector and young people as much ownership as possible of the Commonwealth Games process from the start</li> <li>• Foster and promote the cultural and sporting activities already carried out by the youth sector and seek to use these networks in the development of projects associated with the Games</li> <li>• Put a fund in place for youth organisations to become involved in the Games Cultural Programme</li> <li>• Make best use of the Young Scot entitlement card when developing Games related discounts and travel, and continue these after the Games</li> <li>• Involve youth</li> </ul>

<p><b>Question 3: QUESTION 3: How can we, individually or collectively, best achieve these aims?</b></p>	<p>organisations and youth SIPs in developing programmes for young people in need of more choices and more chances • Plough resources into working with young people outside of education, employment and training. • Develop a comprehensive volunteering strategy for the Games and begin as soon as possible • Recognise skills developed through this volunteering • Involve youth organisations and create Games volunteer ambassadors • Develop learning materials targeted at young people and youth groups as well as schools • Develop youth exchange programmes surrounding the Games • Open sports facilities and non-alcohol related premises later in the evenings across Scotland • Take young peoples views into consideration when planning regeneration • More work with young offenders or young people at risk of offending behaviour and more funding diverted in this way • Involve young people in the 2014 Environmental Forum • Divert the Unclaimed Assets fund towards youth work • Ensure any funding streams that emerge as part of the Commonwealth Games target youth work • Ensure these compensate for the loss of Big Lottery Funding</p>
<p><b>Question 4: QUESTION 4: Do you have any other comments to offer on what should feature in the final games benefits and legacy plan?</b></p>	

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