

Y Pwyllgor Deisebau Petitions Committee

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Dear Sir or Madam,

The Petitions Committee of the National Assembly for Wales has received the following petition:

'We call on the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Government to promote physical activity and health in Further Education colleges.'

In supporting information, the petitioner states:

'Physical Activity has the ability to enhance & maintain not only the physical attributes of an individual but their overall health & wellbeing. I believe FE Colleges need to have clear goals, targets to increase participation in physical activity & recreational sports through a well-structured, inclusive and fun programme that unites, includes & adapts to the needs of the learners. The overall health of students can provide many benefits to the performance of not only the college but Wales as a whole. We do not only have a duty to promote physical activity, health & wellbeing but to actively seek involvement in programmes that will inspire our students to become healthier & more physically active.

I believe there is a wide gap and clear lack of promoting physical activity and health amongst colleges of FE. There needs to be a clear strategy and guidelines which colleges should have to meet. We have a duty to try and promote physical activity and health amongst our students to improve the general health of our nation.'

We are interested in receiving views from individuals, groups and organisations on the subject of this petition. These views will be used as evidence by the Petitions Committee in its consideration of the petition.

Questions you may wish to consider in responding

1. Do you feel that the action called for is reasonable and/or feasible?

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2. If so, what in your view is the best way of promoting and/or increasing physical activity in further education institutions?
3. What are the barriers to promoting and/or increasing participation in physical activity in further education institutions?

If you would like to submit evidence, we would be grateful to receive it by 24 April 2012. Further guidance on the submission of evidence is attached.

We would be grateful if you could share this request with other interested parties or, where appropriate, any of your member organisations.

Yours faithfully,



Abigail Phillips
Clerk to the Petitions Committee