

SECONDARY PE CONFERENCE

– TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER –

Conference Agenda

The Active Education Alliance are delighted to welcome secondary PE teachers to this year's conference, bringing colleagues together for a day of learning, practical ideas and discussion.

The agenda has been designed to give every delegate the opportunity to take part in all the workshops across the day, ensuring you experience all the opportunities to reflect on practice, connect with peers, learn and be inspired.

Time	Speaker / Organisation
08:30 - 09:00	Registration & Refreshments
09:00 - 09:10	Gavin Storey (Headteacher – Cullercoats Primary School and Chair of Active Education Alliance) - Welcome & State of the Nation
09:10 - 10:10	Will Swaithe (Education Director - PE Scholar) – Keynote Speaker: Preparing for National Curriculum Change
10:10 - 10:20	Break
10:20 - 11:10	Helen Derby (Programmes Strategic Lead – Activity Alliance Disability Sport & Inclusion) – Keynote Speaker: Inclusive PE and School Sport
11:15 - 12:00	Workshop 1
12:05 - 12:20	Michele Di Mascio (Director of Sport and Public Services - Sunderland College) - Transition from Secondary to Further Education
12:20 - 13:00	Break – Lunch, Networking & Marketplace
13:00 - 13:45	Workshop 2
13:45 - 14:00	Break
14:00 - 14:45	Workshop 3
14:45 - 15:00	Adam Pilkington (Director of Sport - John Spence Community High School) – Close & Conference Summary

Futher Details

Session	Organisation	Topic	Summary
Keynote Speaker	Will Swaites (Education Director - PE Scholar)	Preparing for National Curriculum Change	A national update and opportunity to understand what the Curriculum and Assessment Review has triggered and the new draft national curriculum to include timelines for change. A lot is shifting in the Physical Education and wider education, health and sport landscapes at the moment and this is your chance to ensure you are up to speed with the latest policies, research and practices that drive high-quality PE.
Keynote Speaker	Helen Derby (Strategic Lead for Programmes - Activity Alliance Disability Sport & Inclusion)	Inclusive PE and School Sport	Aligned to Inclusion 2028, this workshop will explore how schools can play their part in tackling inactivity and inequality for disabled children and young people. With over 1.5 million disabled children in the UK, around 15% of the school population, and just a quarter regularly taking part in sport at school, the need for inclusive practice has never been clearer. Activity Alliance will draw on insight and research to support school staff to deliver inclusive, meaningful PE and school sport. Delegates will examine barriers to participation and explore how inclusive design, adaptable delivery and meaningful pupil voice can remove them. The session will highlight how inclusive PE supports wellbeing, belonging and engagement, contributing to more active, healthier lives. Participants will leave with practical tools,
Workshop 1	Derrick Burns (Programme Trainer - Commando Joes)	Outdoor Adventurous Activities (OAA)	Outdoor Adventurous Activities (OAA) provide a powerful vehicle for developing life skills, character and cross-curricular learning through PE. This workshop explores how schools can use orienteering and outdoor learning to develop problem-solving, communication and resilience, while supporting a skills-based PE curriculum aligned with national priorities.

			Delegates will take part in a practical orienteering challenge, experiencing first-hand how simple outdoor activities can develop teamwork, decision-making and problem-solving skills across the curriculum. The session will also explore how OAA can build teacher confidence and competence, enabling staff to deliver engaging and inclusive outdoor learning experiences. The workshop demonstrates how OAA can be embedded within PE and the wider curriculum to support the emerging direction of PE: developing confident practitioners who deliver connected, skills-focused learning experiences that extend beyond the classroom and contribute to pupils' wider personal development.
Workshop 2	Will Swaites (Education Director - PE Scholar)	Unpacking and Designing Your Future PE Curriculum	A chance to get under the surface of the proposed new national curriculum and what it means for scope and sequence of learning. In this practical workshop you will be supported to compare, contrast and discuss why, how and what you need to do to drive change in your unique school context to ensure compliance by September 2028 and more importantly to better meet the needs of your learners. Please bring a copy of your existing curriculum intent, curriculum map and any assessment frameworks you currently use to guide your table conversation and decision making on priorities for change.
Workshop 3	Heather Steel (North East Development Manager - Youth Sport Trust)	Placing Wellbeing at the Heart of Your School.	Well Schools is a whole-school framework that helps schools embed wellbeing at the heart of their culture, practice and improvement priorities. By placing the physical and mental wellbeing of both staff and pupils at the centre of decision-making, Well Schools creates environments where young people can thrive and staff feel supported to perform at their best. This approach recognises that wellbeing is not separate from academic success, it underpins it, driving improvements in attendance, behaviour and attainment. Explore case studies, opportunities to network, and discover

			the full range of Well Schools resources and support designed to help schools build healthier, happier and more successful learning communities.
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