



Performative Health and Body Pedagogies: EVERY CHILD MATTERS?



ONE DAY SEMINAR hosted by Dr Emma Rich and Professor John Evans, Physical Education and Sport Pedagogy Research Group, School of Sport and Exercise Sciences at Loughborough University, funded by the Society for Educational Studies.

MONDAY 10th SEPTEMBER, 2007

9.30am – 5.00pm
Loughborough University, UK.

Against the backdrop of current concerns that we are in the midst of an obesity epidemic, schools have been targeted for the implementation of a plethora of policies geared towards helping children and young people lose weight, become more active and improve their diets.

A barrage of initiatives now regulate almost every aspect of school life (playground and lunchtime behaviour, weight, physical activity, peer group relationships, etc.) in an effort to improve students' health. The development of such child-focussed public health strategies is also situated within, and central to, the Every Child Matters: Change for Children programme, supported by the Children Act 2004.

This seminar will bring together a number of international researchers examining the impact of these kinds of initiatives upon young people's lives, and consider this in the context of the every child matters programme and current educational cultures geared towards performance, accountability and competition. In such contexts students are expected to show evidence of a willingness to work on their bodies according to criteria and standards over which they have little control. Whilst such policies are articulated as liberal practices that empower and improve the health of young people, this seminar will raise questions concerning the implicit ethic and morality of such policies, and their capacity to control, regulate and redefine the social rights of young people.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The seminar may be of interest to educationalists, practitioners and policy makers with an interest in young people and health.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Dr Lisette Burrows
(UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO, NEW ZEALAND)

Dr Bethan Evans
(MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY)

Professor John Evans
(LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY)

Dr Mary Jane Kehily
(THE OPEN UNIVERSITY)

Dr Emma Rich
(LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY)

Professor Chris Shilling
(UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH)

Dr Peggy Treseder
(CONSULTANT THERAPIST, DEPARTMENT OF CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY)

Professor Jan Wright
(UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG, AUSTRALIA)

For further details visit the following website: www.bodypedagogies.co.nr

ATTENDANCE IS FREE, BUT PLACES ARE LIMITED.

TO REGISTER

Email seminar organiser:
Dr Emma Rich (E.J.Rich@lboro.ac.uk) or return the attached registration form by 31st August.

PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION FORM

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I am interested in attending
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