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Today *Comprehensive Future* - the campaign for fair admissions - publishes a new pamphlet ***Fair Enough? School admissions - the next steps.*** Comprehensive Future will be sending a copy of the pamphlet to the Chair of Governors of every English secondary school. It will also be available at the forthcoming party conferences.

The Chair of Comprehensive Future David Chaytor MP said -

The publication earlier this year of the School Admissions Code has helped to increase significantly the level of interest in this subject and, specifically, in the relationship between admission policies, pupil achievement, social mobility and community cohesion.

A lively debate is currently taking place within all the major political parties and faith organisations on different aspects of admissions policies. This pamphlet is a constructive contribution to this growing public debate.

Vice Chair Fiona Millar said –

'The debate around the 2006 Education Act helped to focus minds on how schools admit their pupils and how some can use their autonomy to choose pupils rather than allow parents and children to exercise choice fairly.

'The new Code has tightened up many of the covert forms of selection but the 11 plus still lives on in too many areas and with 400 planned academies, schools which lie outside the legal framework that protects parents and children in all other maintained schools, the campaign for fair admissions cannot end now'

Secretary Margaret Tulloch said -

An increasing number of English children face entry tests for secondary school. We believe many parents, governors, headteachers and school staff think this is not the way forward. I hope this pamphlet will help encourage a change.

Notes

Comprehensive Future is a non party political campaign for fair admissions. The pamphlet sets out the aims of the campaign. It also has contributions from many other organisations, academics and writers including David Laws MP , David Willetts MP, Steve Sinnott (NUT), Mary Bousted (ATL) and Chris Keates (NASUWT).

Further copies of the pamphlet are available on request and from Sept 10 it can be downloaded from the *Comprehensive Future* website www.comprehensivefuture.org.uk

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