

PRESS RELEASE

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Campaign welcomes Government action

Comprehensive Future the campaign for fair admissions today welcomed Ed Balls statement about tightening up compliance with the School Admissions Code.

Secretary Margaret Tulloch said

We support extending the power of the adjudicator. Now he can only intervene if there are complaints but unfair systems do not become fair if no-one complains. Local authorities are best placed to ensure fair admissions are operating locally especially if more and more schools become admission authorities because of Government policy. While changes are underway we urge the Government to go even further to achieve fairness and end selection on ability and aptitude.

Notes

Comprehensive Future is the campaign for fair school admission policies in England. The campaign is non party political and open to all.

By lobbying Government, providing evidence, informing the media and supporting local campaigns on admissions we aim to bring about a comprehensive secondary school system in England with fair admissions criteria to all publicly funded schools, guaranteeing an equal chance to all children and an end to selection by ability and aptitude.

Our individual supporters include school staff and governors, parents, members of both Houses of Parliament, local councillors, academics and other public figures who share a commitment to equality of opportunity within our education system. We also have support from organisations such as union branches and local political parties.

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