



Press Release: Commonwealth Games to empower and invest in youth

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On Wednesday 12th March at London's City Hall, The Royal Commonwealth Society, in partnership with the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games Organising Committee and the London Assembly held a reception to celebrate 'Team Commonwealth', the theme for the Commonwealth in 2014.

CEO of the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games Organising Committee, David Grevemberg, said:

"The Games gives us an opportunity to be ambitious. There are 2.3 billion people in the Commonwealth, and 1.2 billion of them are young people. We need to be investing, valuing and believing in them, empowering them"

"The Commonwealth defines, connects and gives people a sense of identity. It is not only about where we have been, but about where we are going."

Chair of the Royal Commonwealth Society, Claire Whitaker, addressed guests:

"Team Commonwealth' expresses a very real spirit of friendship and motivation towards the shared goals and values that exist between Commonwealth members. This enables them to create just and peaceful societies, advance democracy, and build economic resilience with prosperity in which all citizens can share."

This event was attended by High Commissioners, UK Parliamentarians, Commonwealth Diaspora groups, sporting representatives, Commonwealth Games Associations and a broad cross-section of Commonwealth civil society organisations.



Notes to Editors

The modern Commonwealth has 53 members with a total population of 2.2 billion. It is a voluntary association of governments and peoples, built around shared language, institutions, challenges, aspirations and values.

In 2014, Commonwealth organisations are focusing on the theme '**Team Commonwealth**'. In the run-up to the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games, this theme expresses the spirit of friendship and motivation towards shared goals and values that characterises the modern Commonwealth. www.commonwealththeme.org

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