After the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games this September, attention will turn to the future and policy directions of sport and physical activity.

Evidence from previous Games suggests that most host nations have experienced significant reductions in government funding and political support for sport.

Figures suggest that promises the London 2012 bid team made about inspiring a generation of young people to choose sport will be only partially fulfilled. How will the Government respond to this? And what support will the Government give to sport and physical activity after the Games?

This challenging policy environment provides both opportunities and threats for sport and physical activity professionals.

The aims of this event were to;

- To bring academics and industry professionals together to address the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead for sport and physical activity in the UK.
- To learn from existing academic and sport and physical activity sector collaborations, stimulating knowledge transfer and improvements in professional practice.
- To provide a catalyst for further collaborations between academics and industry professionals.
- To identify specific breakthrough actions which deliver sustainable improvements and positive change.
Editor's comments

The ESDN was founded in October 2008 in an attempt to bring practitioners and academics, alongside policy makers in sports development closer together through a collaborative network of individuals and institutions. The ESDN is linked to the PE and Sports Development (PESD) research unit at Nottingham Trent University, England.

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