

APPG Boxing Timetable and programme February 2017

Statement of Purpose

Set up in 2011, the APPG aims to engage with Government and Parliament to support all aspects of boxing – leisure, amateur and professional. The APPG played an active media role during the 2012 Olympics, and throughout the 2010 – 2015 Parliament.

The APPG aims to set out the benefits of boxing to both individual participants and the wider benefits to society; to raise the profile of boxing and investigate ways to reduce barriers to participation; to examine, promote and enhance the potential of boxing to act as a means of positive social change and development. The APPG's website is <https://appgboxing.wordpress.com/>.

The APPG works across government departments, including with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, the Ministry of Justice, the Department for Education, the Home Office, and the Department for Health. The APPG aims to provide a platform for parliamentarians and interested stakeholders to work to reduce the barriers to participation in boxing, celebrate the success of our nation's boxers, and highlight and advance the potential for boxing to tackle urgent social needs - from mental health interventions to tackling antisocial behaviour, crime and gang-crime, extremism and radicalisation in the UK.

Programme

Building on the success of its 2015 report "*Boxing – the Right Hook*", during the next 12 months the APPG will be holding regular meetings and events when Parliament is sitting. The APPG will lead consultations and produce research on boxing at all levels. The APPG aims to provide ground-breaking research on the impact of boxing on prisoner rehabilitation, as well as future work on combating anti-social behaviour; increasing participation; supporting people with disabilities; securing the 2012 and 2016 Olympic boxing legacy; creating new community boxing hub sites and delivering training and opportunities to more people in boxing.

Awards

Potential to develop an annual APPG Boxing Awards event with a focus on increasing participation and highlighting boxing as a means for positive social change.

Research reports

Appointing a sports science postgraduate as a research intern to produce reports on key topics including: rehabilitation and combating anti-social behaviour, gang-problems, crime and extremism; increasing participation; supporting people with disabilities; securing the 2012 & 2016 Olympic boxing legacy; creating new community boxing hub sites and delivering training and opportunities to more people in boxing.

Upcoming fights

Using upcoming fights to build profile and support for the APPG by arranging joint events / press conferences with promoters.

Activity programme (February 2017 – July 2017)

February 2017

- Programme and Statement of Purpose produced
- Commons recess: 9 February 2017 - 20 February 2017
- Meetings with sponsors
- New parliamentary members approached

March 2017

- 4th March 2017: David Haye vs. Tony Bellew (London)
- 15th March 2017: first meeting to outline new objectives, programme, and rehabilitation research / inquiry
- Easter Recess: 30 March 2017 - 18 April 2017
- Meetings with sponsors
- New parliamentary members approached
- tbc: event / press conference with Anthony Joshua (benefits of boxing rehabilitation)

April 2017

- 15 April 2017: Ricky Burns vs. Julius Indongo (Glasgow)
- 29 April 2017: Anthony Joshua vs. Wladimir Klitschko (London)
- Easter Recess: 30 March 2017 - 18 April 2017
- Meetings with sponsors
- New parliamentary members approached
- tbc: meeting with Sport England to discuss increasing participation in boxing / post fight event with Ricky Burns (on increasing participation in boxing)

May 2017

- Whitsun Recess: 25 May 2017 - 5 June 2017
- Meetings with sponsors
- New parliamentary members approached
- tbc: APPG Group members visit to Fitzroy Lodge Boxing Club

June 2017

- Whitsun Recess: 25 May 2017 - 5 June 2017
- Meetings with sponsors
- New parliamentary members approached
- tbc: meeting with disability groups to discuss the promotion of boxing skills and fitness sessions for people with disabilities

July 2017

- Meetings with sponsors
- New parliamentary members approached
- tbc: summer reception / APPG Awards event and / or meeting on how boxing can help to counter radicalisation / extremism