



CASE STUDY

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Pulse Social Sports Group CIC questions Parliament about how MPs track the social value created by sports groups.

Marlon Commock, founder and Managing Director of PULSE SOCIAL SPORTS GROUP CIC went to Westminster to be part of a special 'Reverse Select Committee' in Parliament that put MPs in the hot seat. Select Committees usually get to summon witnesses for inquiries, but on Monday night the Committee Chairs stepped up to answer the public's questions on how Parliament is scrutinising decisions made by Government.

Pulse Social Sport group is a not-for-profit social enterprise founded in 2018 to increase involvement, inclusion, and confidence with all participants playing sports throughout London and surrounding areas. This includes sports clubs for D/deaf, disabled and neurodivergent young people aged 8-17.

Marlon asked a panel of Select Committee Chairs and Peers about how MPs track the social value creates by sports groups.

Marlon Commock said: ***"It was a privilege to bring the voice of community sports to the heart of Westminster". "We know the social value we create on the ground every day. It's time that value is consistently tracked and recognised at the highest levels of government."***



They were joined by constituents from across the UK, who asked MPs about everything from town-centre management to biodiversity loss, maths provision in schools to the use of artificial intelligence in defence. Questions included how MPs were securing sovereign access to AI, what evidence the government used to conclude that social media should be banned for teenagers, and how MPs track the social value created by sports groups.

Westminster's annual Evidence Week in Parliament brings together the public, researchers and MPs to discuss how evidence is used and scrutinised at Westminster. It is organised by the campaigning charity Sense about Science in partnership with community groups including Shout Out UK, mySociety and research institutions across the UK.

Tracey Brown, Director of Sense about Science said: ***"Between elections, Parliament is responsible for the checks and balances on government policy, for making sure that policy matches the real world and that it is based on sound evidence. That is why it is vital that Evidence Week in Parliament, organised by Sense about Science, opens with the questions that people all over the UK have about the evidence behind decisions - on everything from AI to parental leave. It ensures that MPs and research groups in the days that follow discuss the questions that matter to the people."***

Evidence Week brings together MPs and leading scientists to get the latest insights on pressing issues, covering topics as varied as health, environment and net zero, cost of living, children's wellbeing, and AI and innovation. It opened on 3 November with a 'reverse' committee hearing in Parliament, where voters from across the country got to question seven chairs of parliamentary Select Committees about the evidence behind legislation that affects them.

The week also includes training sessions for parliamentary staff to better handle research evidence and data, provided by Smart Data Research UK, OSR, House of Commons Library, Full Fact, ONS and the National Centre for Social Research. Now in its 9th year, Evidence Week was launched in response to the public's interest in policy evidence. It builds on established research and information work in Parliament by POST and the Commons and Lords Libraries to support greater use of evidence by parliamentarians. Since then, it has been emulated in other Parliaments including the EU.

See: <https://senseaboutscience.org/evidence-week/>

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Notes for editors

74% of the British public think it is important the government shows the public all the evidence used to make important policy decisions (April 2024 Ipsos survey, up from 66% in 2023 and 61% in 2022); <https://senseaboutscience.org/ipsos-sense-about-science-evidence-transparency-2024-survey/>

Evidence Week in Parliament 2026 is organised by Sense about Science in partnership with Shout Out UK, mySociety, community partners and research institutions across the UK.

<https://senseaboutscience.org/evidence-week/programme-pdf/>



Researchers from across the UK will give individual quickfire briefings to MPs and peers to helping them get up to speed on current issues:

<https://senseaboutscience.org/evidence-week/event/policy-briefings/>

Parliamentary staff are given training by ONS, House of Commons Library, FullFact and others: <https://senseaboutscience.org/evidence-week/event/parliamentary-training-sessions/>

Sense about Science is an independent charity that works to ensure the public interest in sound science and evidence is recognised in public life. A small team working with thousands of supporters, from world leading researchers to community groups, we focus on socially and scientifically difficult issues where evidence is neglected, politicised or misleading. <https://senseaboutscience.org/>

Shout Out UK (SOUK) is a social enterprise on a mission to ensure that political and media literacy education is available to everyone, regardless of their socio-economic background, ethnicity, or gender and safeguard democracy and our rights for generations to come. They have worked with young people across the UK, ensuring they develop critical thinking skills, analytical abilities and confidence, empowering them to be democratically engaged and informed citizens. <https://www.shoutoutuk.org/>

mySociety is a collaborative and evidence-driven organisation leading in civic tech. Their goal is to empower citizens, equip civil society and foster responsive institutions. They are the charity behind empowering online tools such as FixMyStreet, TheyWorkForYou, WhatDoTheyKnow, and WriteToThem. <https://www.mysociety.org>

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