

# Equality & Diversity Update

## April 08



### Welcome

Welcome to the Equality and Diversity Update, the newsletter of the Regional Strategic Partnership for Equality and Diversity, which provides a brief update on current developments and details of forthcoming events.

### Partnership Activity Update

The Equality and Diversity Partnership met on 28<sup>th</sup> March 08. Notes from the meeting will be available shortly at <http://www.wmra.gov.uk/page.asp?id=449>  
More information on the work of the partnership is also available at [www.wmra.gov.uk/equalities](http://www.wmra.gov.uk/equalities)

### Trans staff and students in higher education

The Equality Challenge Unit has recently published guidance on this issue. It describes these issues, summarises the law, and suggests clear steps to follow, drawing on examples and case studies from higher education institutions (HEIs) that have been through this process. The report is available to download from [http://www.ecu.ac.uk/publications/pubs\\_guidance.html#m20080304-TransStaffandStudents](http://www.ecu.ac.uk/publications/pubs_guidance.html#m20080304-TransStaffandStudents)

### 2007 - European Year of Equal Opportunities for All: Report to European Commission on the UK Contribution to the Year

The Government Equalities Office have recently published a final report outlining the activities undertaken as part of the UK's commitment to the year. Further information, and a downloadable copy of the report can be accessed at <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/newsandcomment/EuropeanYear/Pages/EuropeanYear.aspx>

### Palestinian Women, Art Exhibition at The Drum, Birmingham

This exhibition by Paula Cox will be launched on Wednesday 7 May 08 @ 6pm and will run till 30 May 08. For further information please see [http://www.the-drum.org.uk/event\\_info.php?id=328&eid=541](http://www.the-drum.org.uk/event_info.php?id=328&eid=541)

### WREP Vacancies

Warwickshire Race Equality Partnership currently have vacancies for a Community Caseworker and a Learning & Development Officer. For an application pack visit [www.wrep.org.uk](http://www.wrep.org.uk) or contact us on 0844 800 9990 or [doreenwallace@wrep.org.uk](mailto:doreenwallace@wrep.org.uk). For an informal chat about either post contact Arun Kang on 0774 7 475049.

### Stonewall report: 'Serves You Right'

Stonewall have recently published a report outlining lesbian and gay people's expectations of discrimination. The report outlines the results of the first statistically significant national survey ever conducted into the life experiences of Britain's 3.6 million gay people. The document is available at <http://www.stonewall.org.uk/documents/servesyouright.pdf>

### Healthy Thinking: A positive approach to Wellbeing Event – 15 May, Stoke-on-Trent

The Stoke-on-Trent Living Well Project are holding a free event to highlight the important role that healthy thinking plays in determining our lifestyles. For further information, please contact the Media Action Group for Mental Health on 01782 285800 or at [conference@magmh.org.uk](mailto:conference@magmh.org.uk)

### Tackling Violence Against Women Report

Published this month, this report is based on what the Government has been doing to tackle violence against women, particularly activity undertaken in the last 18 months. It is based on the evidence gathered by individual departments in response to the End Violence Against Women (EVAW) campaign's Making the Grade? survey (May 2007) and can be downloaded at <http://www.equalities.gov.uk/publications/7589-TSO-Tackling%20Violence%20WEB.pdf>

### Contact

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