

Equality & Diversity Update

March 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 28th March 08. Notes from the meeting will be available shortly on our website. More information on the work of the partnership is also available at www.wmra.gov.uk/equalities

EHRC Human Rights Inquiry

The Equality and Human Rights Commission has launched an inquiry into human rights and British attitudes to them. The inquiry will be chaired by former Northern Ireland Police Ombudsman Dame Nuala O'Loan and is expected to make its final report in December 2008. For further information see

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/newsandcomment/Pages/humanrightsinquiry.aspx>

Does the racialisation of disease data serve any useful purpose?

Rights and Equality West Midlands in Partnership with the Centre for the Study of Ethnicity and Culture, University of Birmingham are holding a seminar to discuss this on Wednesday 16th April 2008, 12.30 pm – 2 pm. The guest speaker will be Mel Chevannes who is Professor Emeritus of Nursing, University of Wolverhampton and also works as a consultant with Rights and Equality West Midlands and chairs the West Midlands Volunteering and Development Council.

For more details see

<http://www.csec.bham.ac.uk/activities.shtml>

Lord Goldsmith publishes report on citizenship

'Citizenship: Our Common Bond', Lord Goldsmith's review of citizenship, was published on 11 March 2008. It sets out the legal rights and responsibilities of citizenship, makes proposals for enhancing the bond of citizenship and for engaging newcomers. The full report can be accessed at www.justice.gov.uk/docs/citizenship-report-full.pdf

Understanding and Responding to the Refugee, Asylum and Migrant Experience

West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership has developed a new training course as part of the WMLGA training programme. It is designed to equip participants from different sectors and agencies to respond to the changing face of our Region and it draws on material from our new regional raising awareness resource, 'Where our Journeys Meet'. The course is initially being offered on: Monday, 21 April 2008 at the Regional Partnership Centre, Birmingham. For further details, please contact Clare Daley at West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership on c.daley@wmlga.gov.uk or 0121 678 1078.

NIACE Conference: Older People and Informal Learning

How is adult learning for older people to be supported? NIACE are holding a conference on Wednesday 9 April 2008 in London, £50 *per person*.

This event is aimed at practitioners, policy makers, providers of learning opportunities, agencies supporting older people and advocates for older people and will give participants the opportunity to discuss issues which the Government's recent consultative paper on informal learning raises for older people, and to shape their organisation's response. For more details see www.niace.org.uk/conferences

Volunteer Training in South West Birmingham

Bournville College is offering some free Training & Support Opportunities for Volunteers in South West Birmingham. The College are supporting volunteers through a range of training opportunities and may be able to offer bespoke training tailored to your organisational needs.

For further information or to register an interest please contact Eddie Cottis on 0121 222 5665 or email:

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