

# Equality & Diversity Update

## August 2007



### 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 last met on 19<sup>th</sup> June 07. Notes from the meeting are available at <http://www.wmra.gov.uk/page.asp?id=351>. Further information about the work of the Partnership can be found at [www.wmra.gov.uk/equalities](http://www.wmra.gov.uk/equalities).

### Sustainability West Midlands Annual Conference: 27<sup>th</sup> September

SWM Social Capital Equality and Diversity (SCED) Programme in association with the West Midlands Regional Assembly's Regional Strategic Partnership for Equality and Diversity is hosting a conference – Everyone Matters in a Sustainable Community on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2007 at the Nishkam Centre, Soho Road, Birmingham commencing at 9am and finishing at 1pm with lunch.

This is a West Midlands event to explore good practice, link it to social policy and maximise the impact of learning whilst looking at how the equality and diversity agendas can contribute to building social capital and a more successful West Midlands.

Workshops will explore key themes and exemplar projects in:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Economic Inclusion and Prosperity
- Planning, Transport and Communities that function well
- Housing and Homes
- Safe and Just Communities with a vibrant and playful culture
- Climate Change and People

If you would like to attend, please contact Wendy Sharpe at [w.sharpe@swm.org.uk](mailto:w.sharpe@swm.org.uk)

### 2007 European Year of Equal Opportunities for All: West Midlands Roadshow, 13<sup>th</sup> September

The Department for Communities and Local Government, with the CEHR, are coordinating the UK activity for the European Year of Equal Opportunities. The aim of the Year is to launch a major debate on the benefits of diversity for European societies. A regional tour is taking place to ask each region what they are doing, or could be doing, to create a society at ease with its diversity. The West Midlands event will take place at the NEC on 13<sup>th</sup> September. Attendees at roadshow events will learn more about the European experience of creating greater equality and diversity. They will also find out more about how key human rights principles can underpin equality.

Please email [yearofequalopps@RSLive.co.uk](mailto:yearofequalopps@RSLive.co.uk) or call 0845 363 1478 if you would like to attend the event or register using the online form located at <https://secure.symphonyem.co.uk/EYEOARegionalEvent/>

### Gender Advisory Bureau: Free networking events

Trans-awareness training provider the Gender Advisory Bureau are planning to hold a series of partnership networking events to raise awareness of the services they offer across the UK. They are aiming is to find host services and work in partnership to invite their neighbouring partners/services to come along to meet the GAB team and listen to a (Free) short trans awareness presentation and take away some training information. If you are interested in hosting one of these networking events please contact Rico/Jayne at the GAB office on 0845 241 76 65 or see <http://home2.btconnect.com/gab/>

### Contact

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