

Equality & Diversity Update

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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 19th June 07. Copies of notes 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.

Mind the Gap: Conference about young LGBT people, 30 November 07, Birmingham

The Birmingham-based Healthy Gay Life project are organising this important event which will look at the needs of LGBT young people in Birmingham. Confirmed speakers include Clare Short MP and Cllr. Steve Bedser. If you are Birmingham based, work with young people and would like to know more about this event, please contact Paul Ricketts at Paul.Ricketts@hobtpct.nhs.uk

Sexual Orientation & Transgender Event: 29 June 07

This event took place at Government Office for the West Midlands on 29th June. Over 60 delegates from around the region attended. The speakers, including Michael Cashman MEP, Roger McKenzie, Midlands TUC, Steve Ball, Birmingham Pride Community Trust and Jenny Brett, Gender Matters did an excellent job in setting the scene and encouraging lively workshop discussion. The day raised some important questions about how services can be inclusive of LGB and Trans communities. A post-conference report will be available shortly at www.wmra.gov.uk/equalities

CEHR Stakeholder Newsletter

The CEHR produce a regular stakeholder newsletter which is circulated every few weeks. It provides useful information on the development of the CEHR alongside an update on national policy developments. You can sign up to receive it by visiting <http://www.cehr.org.uk/join.rhtm>.

New CRE Research on Social Interaction

The Commission for Racial Equality has commissioned research into the informal social interactions between people from different ethnic backgrounds in two areas in Britain (Hackney and Wolverhampton). The research focused on what people mean by interaction, and on the motivations that might lead to greater interaction in the future. A copy of the report can be downloaded from <http://www.cre.gov.uk/research/promotinginteraction.html>

Level 2 Certificate in Equality and Diversity Project

Gallant 2000 are looking for applicants to take part in their Certificate in Equality and Diversity Level 2 programme. They would like to be able to research the effect of this programme on the individual participants, their work, career and their organisations if appropriate. The qualification is spread out over 12 tutored days (over six months) and consists of three modules.

Report: Performance of far right parties in 2007 local elections

Race Equality West Midlands have recently produced a report on the performance of racist far right parties in the 2007 local elections. For more information see www.rewm.org or call Freda Edwards on 0121 250 3859

Contact

If you would like further information about the issues raised or to disseminate information through this newsletter, please contact Cassie Manly at c.manly@wmra.gov.uk or on 0121 678 1077.