

# Equality & Diversity Update

## June 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 will be meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 07.

Copies of notes will be available shortly after the meeting at <http://www.wmra.gov.uk/page.asp?id=204>

A consultation event took place on 13<sup>th</sup> June to discuss the draft West Midlands Economic Strategy. The issues raised will be fed into the Regional Assembly's response to the consultation which will be considered by the full Assembly on the 18<sup>th</sup> July before being submitted to Advantage West Midlands.

Further information about the work of the Partnership can be found at [www.wmra.gov.uk/equalities](http://www.wmra.gov.uk/equalities).

### WM Regional Networking Event, Quality Play and Best Practice: 27 June 07,

9.30am – 3.30pm, ICC, Birmingham. Play England are organising a free regional seminar around: Quality playwork provision; Joining up local authority strategies to meet play and other performance indicators; Roles and responsibilities of play champions; The power of play and Creating quality play spaces and design. For further information, contact Laky Sahota at [LSahota@ncb.org.uk](mailto:LSahota@ncb.org.uk) or on 0121 237 6370.

### Critical Thinking Skills for Equality

Network Equality are organising a series of workshops on Critical Thinking Skills For Equality: Tools and Techniques for Harnessing and Directing our Capabilities towards Equality and a Better World

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### Discrimination Law Review Consultation opens

The Discrimination Law Review consultation 'A Framework for Fairness: Proposals for a Single Equality Bill for Great Britain' was published on the 12<sup>th</sup> June. The proposals have been developed as a result of the Discrimination Law Review, launched in February 2005 to consider the opportunities for creating a clearer and more streamlined discrimination legislative framework which produces better outcomes for those who currently experience disadvantage. The document is available at the following link:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1511245>

The consultation period will run to the 4<sup>th</sup> September 07.

### Commission on Integration and Cohesion publishes final report

The Commission on Integration and Cohesion, chaired by Darra Singh, published its final report on the 14<sup>th</sup> June. It has been considering how local areas can make the most of the benefits delivered by increasing diversity and how they can respond to the tensions it can sometimes cause. The report can be accessed at

[http://www.integrationandcohesion.org.uk/Our\\_final\\_report.aspx](http://www.integrationandcohesion.org.uk/Our_final_report.aspx)

### Sexual Orientation & Transgender Event: 29 June 07

There are still some places available at this event. Speakers will include Steve Ball, Chair of Birmingham Community Pride Trust and Jenny Brett, Chair of Gender Matters. The event will be chaired by Michael Cashman, MEP and will take place at Government Office for the West Midlands, Colmore Row, Birmingham. If you are interested in attending or would like further information, please contact Cassie on 0121 678 1077 or at [c.manly@wmra.gov.uk](mailto:c.manly@wmra.gov.uk).

### Contact

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