

Making the Most of Equality

One Day Training and Networking Event for NGOs

Date: 21st October 2009

Venue: Tullamore Dew,
Heritage Centre,
Bury Quay,
Tullamore,
Co. Offaly

Time: 9.45am – 4.00pm

The training is aimed at community and voluntary organisations involved in policy and equality work at regional level.

Context

Training and networking event for NGOs working with people across the nine equality grounds set out in the equality legislation – gender, marital status, family status, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, race, membership of the Traveller community.

An initiative of the Equality Authority as part of the legacy plan for EYOP

Making the Most of Equality Training Programme

The training features expert speakers who will map the regional policy landscape, outline equality challenges for NGOs and illustrate tools for equality based on best practice case studies. It will provide an opportunity for NGOs to identify and share tools for best equality outcomes.

Programme

9.45am	Registration
Morning Plenary	Grainne Healy, Independent Consultant
10.30am	Welcome Address Carol Baxter, Head of Development, Equality Authority
10.35am	Dr Kathy Walsh, KW Research & Associates, Mapping the regional policy landscape in which equality NGOs work
10.45am	- Chris McInerney, Programme Specialist, Sustainable Rural Development, Tipperary Institute - Margaret O’Riada, Co-ordinator, Galway Traveller Movement What is equality work and what are the current challenges and opportunities for NGOs
10.55am	Questions and Answers
11.00am	Equality Policy and Practice Tools Case work 1. Paula Pollard, Advocate, Cumas Advocacy Service Advocacy and media work 2. Paula Fagan, Board Member, Marriage Equality Promoting participation and involvement of under-represented groups

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11.00am (continued)	3. Connie Clarke, Hon. Secretary, Tullamore Active Retirement Association: Equality proofing your organisation
	4. Matthew Seebach, Youth Work Ireland, Equality proofing your organisation
11.40am	Tea / coffee
11.50am	Break out groups Identifying and sharing the tools for best equality outcomes
1.00pm	Lunch
Afternoon Plenary	Grainne Healy
2.00pm	Review of morning plenary
2.15pm	What can we do better - A dialogue Kieran Moylan, Assistant Director, Border, Midland & Western Regional Assembly Rita McNulty, Director of Services, Community and Enterprise, Sligo County Council Getting better results at regional level from your equality work Tess Murphy, CEO, Longford, Women’s Link Challenges and tips for impacting on regional policy structures
2.55pm	Questions and Answers
3.00pm	Break out groups How can we work better for equality?
3.20pm	Open discussion with all speakers from morning and afternoon session
4.00pm	Close

Please note that spaces are limited to 30 people on this occasion.

If you would like to attend the training please RSVP Caroline Fitzpatrick at the Equality Authority on (01) 4173341 or Rena Sparling on (01) 4173349 or you can email cfitzpatrick@equality.ie or csparling@equality.ie by Friday 16th October 2009.

If you have any special requirements please let us know in advance.