



PUBLIC POLICY, EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IN THE CONTEXT OF DEVOLUTION

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Seminar 1: Universal Principles of Equality: Implications for Different Groups

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Venue: Equality House, Belfast

Date: 18th February 2005

PROGRAMME

This seminar will explore some of the theoretical, political and practical implications of mainstreaming equality in public policy.

9.30 – 9.45 Coffee and registration

9.45 – 10.00 Opening Comments: Linda McKie, Glasgow Caledonian University & Sheila Riddell, University of Edinburgh

10.00 – 10.30 Kathleen Lynch, Centre for Equality Studies, University College Dublin
'Equality policies: the importance of equality of condition'

10.30 – 11.00 Sally Witcher, University of Edinburgh, Mainstreaming equality theories:
towards a generic model of discrimination

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.00 John Brewer, University of Aberdeen, 'Ensuring equality of religion and belief:
new challenges'

12.00 – 12.30 Anne Stafford, University of Edinburgh 'Children and the Equalities Agenda'

12.30 – 12.45 Policy discussant: Saheema Rawat, Equality Challenge Unit

12.45 – 1.00 Discussion

1.00 – 2.00 Lunch

2.00 – 2.30 Evelyn Collins, Chief Executive, Equality Commission for Northern Ireland
'Working across the equality strands: lessons from experience'

2.30 - 3.00 Coffee break

3.00 – 3.30 Policy discussant: Niall Crowley, Chief Executive, Equality Authority, Ireland
Academic discussant: Yvonne Galligan, Queens University, Belfast

3.30 – 4.00 General discussion