



PUBLIC POLICY, EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IN THE CONTEXT OF DEVOLUTION

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Seminar 2: Mainstreaming equality and diversity in different national contexts: implications for policy and practice

Venue: Godfrey Thomson Hall, Moray House School of Education, University of
Edinburgh
Date: Friday, June 10th 2005

PROGRAMME

This seminar will explore the development of equality policy and practice in different national contexts.

9.15 – 9.40 Coffee and registration

9.40 – 9.45 Welcome and introduction

9.45 – 10.15 Elizabeth Meehan, Queens University Belfast, 'The experience of a single equalities commission in Northern Ireland'

10.15 – 10.45 Esther Breitenbach, University of Edinburgh, 'The Scottish Executive and Equality'

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee

11.15 – 11.45 Debbie Gupta, Deputy Director, CEHR Project Team, 'Developing the Commission for Equality and Human Rights'

11.45 – 12.15 Paul Chaney, University of Cardiff, 'The absolute duty: the rhetoric and reality of mainstreaming equality'

12.15 – 12.45 Discussion

12.45 – 1.45 Lunch

1.45 – 3.15 International perspectives:

Janet Siltanen, University of Carlton, Ottawa 'Equality, diversity and the politics of scale: the Canadian public policy experience'

Tuula Gordon, University of Helsinki, 'The Nordic Approach to the Promotion of Equality'

Mary Darmanin, University of Malta, 'Equal opportunities in Malta: a southern European perspective'

3.15 – 3.30 Coffee

3.30 – 4.00 Discussants: Liz Sutherland, Equality Challenge Unit; Linda McKie Glasgow Caledonian University

4.00 – 4.30 General discussion