

The Equality Mainstreaming Unit at the Equality Authority in collaboration with the IVEA, FESS and the Department of Education would like to invite you to the following seminar:

Mainstreaming Equality in the VEC Sector: New Tools for Embedding Equality into Education Plans, Programmes and Policy-making

Date: 28th May 2010
Venue: The Clock Tower,
Department of Education,
Marlborough Street, Dublin 1
Time: 10.00 - 15.15

This seminar will give you the opportunity to learn more about equality mainstreaming, related tools and initiatives in the VEC sector, and how to support an equality focus into your planning.

Please let us know in advance if you have any special requirements.

RSVP to Caroline Jones by 14th May 2010, by telephone 0505 24126, or fax 0505 22388 or email: cjones@equality.ie

Note: CEOs are welcome to nominate one additional staff member to attend the seminar, in particular staff that are going to be involved in the development of the new education plans.

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10.00 - 10.30	Registration and Coffee
10.30 - 10.35	Welcome Renee Dempsey, CEO, Equality Authority
10.35 - 10.45	Opening Address Seán Haughey, T.D., Minister for Lifelong Learning
10.45 - 11.00	Opening Remarks Seamus Hempenstall, Department of Education and Skills
11.00 - 11.20	What is Equality Mainstreaming? Carole Sullivan, Equality Authority
11.20 - 11.40	Embedding Equality into the Education Plans, John Ryan, IVEA
11.40 - 12.00	FESS Equality Action Planning Framework: Supporting FETAC Registered Providers in Implementing Quality Assurance Siobhan Magee, FESS
12.00 - 12.30	Questions and Answers
12.30 - 13.15	Lunch
13.15 - 14.30	Good Practice in Equality Mainstreaming in the VEC sector: a. Equality: Promoting a New Approach, Martin Fitzgerald, Co. Waterford VEC b. Equality Mainstreaming: Towards a Culture of Equality, Marie Rooney, Co. Dublin VEC c. Equality Mainstreaming Guidelines for the Adult and Further Education Sector, Angela Higgins and Catherine Byrne, Co. Wicklow VEC
14.30 - 15.00	Panel Discussion
15.00 - 15.15	Closing Remarks, Carol Baxter, Equality Authority