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**PRESS RELEASE**

**World Aids Day 2011**

The theme for World Aids Day 2011 is 'Getting to Zero' - Zero new HIV infections, Zero Discrimination, Zero Aids-related deaths. People who are diagnosed as HIV positive are automatically protected under Disability Discrimination legislation (DDA) – even if they are not experiencing any physical symptoms of illness or disability.



Find out more about your rights and responsibilities:

- Individuals Employers Service Providers

As one of the key targets this year is getting to 'Zero Discrimination' the Equality Commission is working to make people aware of their rights and responsibilities. As well as information sessions for individuals with HIV, we are planning to hold free training sessions for employers which will be delivered in partnership with the HIV Support Centre. These sessions will cover the various equality laws which protect people living with HIV as well as increasing employers' awareness of the issues and dispelling some of the myths which persist about HIV. If you are interested in attending one of these sessions you can register your interest by contacting Mairead Starrs, Tel: 028 90 500613 or email [mstarrs@equalityni.org](mailto:mstarrs@equalityni.org)