

Equality Commission

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Commission welcomes LGBT Guide for Dept of Justice staff

The Equality Commission has welcomed the publication by the Department of Justice of its first Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Awareness Guide for staff.

Chief Commissioner Michael Wardlow said, "With an increasing diversity not only in the population but also in the workforce, the Department of Justice is one of those employers who are encouraging staff to form groups in which they can engage on issues specific to the different equality groups.

Mr Wardlow commented, "It's very appropriate that this should be launched in Anti-Homophobia Week and the Commission commends the work of the Department of Justice in engaging with its LGBT staff. This type of initiative is very important in creating a more inclusive workplace, raising the visibility of the issue of sexual orientation and encouraging open discussion of the issues."