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PRESS RELEASE

Appointments to the Equality Commission for 2015

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland invites applications for appointment to the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland.

A number of positions, including that of Deputy Chief Commissioner, will become vacant during 2015.

The Equality Commission for Northern Ireland

The Equality Commission for Northern Ireland is a non-departmental public body established by the Northern Ireland Act 1998. Its powers and duties derive from a number of statutes which have been enacted over the last decades, providing protection against discrimination on the grounds of age, disability, race, religion and political opinion, sex and sexual orientation. It also has responsibilities arising from the Northern Ireland Act 1998 in respect of the statutory equality and good relations duties which apply to public authorities.

Although appointments to the board of Commissioners are made by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland are sponsored by the Office of the First and deputy First Minister which carries responsibilities for equality policy and legislation in the Northern Ireland Executive.

If you would like more information on the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland you can access its website at www.equalityni.org

Personal Specification

Membership of the Equality Commission is a challenging and rewarding opportunity. It calls for people who can work effectively with a wide range of individuals and who have good judgment, resilience, sensitivity and vision of a high order. Outstanding individuals are sought to become members of the Commission; people who understand the

considerations that influence the environment in which it works and can command the confidence of all sides of the community in Northern Ireland, work constructively with others, think strategically and make clear and well informed judgements.

Candidates for the role of Deputy Chief Commissioner need to be able to demonstrate a strong track record of leadership in the private, public or voluntary sectors and a commitment to the principles of good governance.

Further details of the responsibilities and skills required are contained in the appointments information pack, which should be read in conjunction with this advertisement. This information is available, on request, in other formats.

Terms of appointment

The positions are part-time and the term of appointment is three years.

The position of Commissioner attracts an annual remuneration of £5,000 and the Deputy Chief Commissioner receives an annual remuneration of £10,000.

Appointments Process

The selection panel will be chaired by a senior NIO official and the panel will include an independent member. The Department's public appointments processes are conducted in accordance with the Commissioner for Public Appointments Code of Practice, which can be found at: <http://publicappointmentscommissioner.independent.gov.uk>

How to apply

Those interested in applying for the post should download the application pack from the Cabinet Office's public appointments website at: <http://publicappointments.cabinetoffice.gov.uk>

Application packs can also be obtained by telephoning 028 9076 5497 or email ecniappointments@nio.x.gsi.gov.uk

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 30 JANUARY 2015

Equality of Opportunity

Appointments will be made on merit and with regard to the equality provisions set out in Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. We encourage applications from all sections of the community.