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Equality Focus

The e-newsletter of the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland

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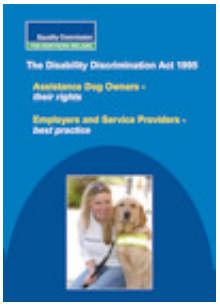
Welcome to Equality Focus - the e-newsletter of the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland. We hope you find this informative and that you will pass it on to anyone you think would find it interesting. We welcome any suggestions or comments you may have.

ECNI response to OFMdFM consultation on Transport Regulations March'09

The Commission has responded to the OFMdFM consultation on the removal of the exemption for operators of transport services from Part 3 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 click here to view our response.

The Commission welcomes the removal of the exemption for operators of transport services from the goods, facilities and services provisions of the DDA 1995, for which we have strongly campaigned.

Guidance on Assistance Dogs



We have updated our publication for people using assistance dogs, which explains the law and best practice as applied to the admission of assistance dogs to premises

Ring our Enquiry Line on 028 90 890 890, or email information@equalityni.org to get a hard copy.

New publications for young people

'Age Discrimination – Some Facts for Young People' is a new ECNI publication, aimed at post primary schools and targeted at year 12 and above, which gives brief information on young people's legal rights under The Employment Equality (Age) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006.

The law about age in relation to employment, work placements and further and higher education applies to ALL employers and training organisations, including institutions of further and higher education.

Now available - new ECNI publications for employers

- The 'Unified Guide to Promoting Equal Opportunities in Employment' gives employers extensive practical guidance on how to comply with their responsibilities to job applicants and employees under each of the anti-discrimination laws and helps employers promote equality of opportunity in employment across all of the statutory equality grounds.
- Two Employer Briefings on recent conferences organised by the Commission, Promoting Equality for People with Mental Health Disabilities and Promoting Race Equality in the Workplace.
- An Information Briefing outlining the Commission's Employer Training programme

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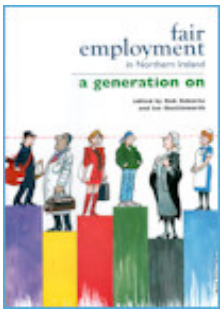
Fair Employment in Northern Ireland: a generation on (2004), edited by Bob Osborne and Ian Shuttleworth



The Equality Commission is making available a number of copies of this book which was published by the Commission and Blackstaff Press in 2004. It brings together contributions from experts in the field to analyse the changes in fair employment practice and law up to 2003. Ring the enquiry line 028 90 890 890 or email information@equalityni.org for a copy. Click here for a summary of contents.

Need advice or guidance about equality or discrimination?

The Commission provides free and confidential advice to individuals, employers and service providers on all aspects of equality. We also provide a range of training services. Contact our Enquiry line on 028 90 890 890 or view our advisory publications **here**.

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