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

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## Annual Conference

The Commission's 7th Annual Conference was held on Tuesday 23 October 2007 at the Hilton Hotel, Belfast. The conference was one of the main events in a programme of activities to mark the European Year of Equal Opportunities for All.



**Bob Collins**

Chief Commissioner, Bob Collins, opened the conference with a [keynote speech](#) addressing 'Key Inequalities' in Northern Ireland. The speech highlighted an important new Equality Commission paper on Key Inequalities

In the speech the Chief Commissioner set out a number of fundamental principles which he asks people to read, consider and support as a basic foundation for action on equality. Please [click here](#) to access the Key Inequalities Paper.

Delegates were addressed by deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness MP, MLA.

Leading commentators Gay Moon Head of the Equalities Project at JUSTICE and Colm O' Cinneide Senior Lecturer in Law, University College London also addressed the conference. For further information on the conference please [click here](#).

The fully subscribed conference attracted stakeholders from a diverse range of organisations from both the public and private sectors in Northern Ireland and beyond.

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