

## **Dr. Evelyn Collins CBE, Chief Executive of the Equality Commission NI**



Dr Evelyn Collins CBE has been Chief Executive of the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland since March 2000, an organisation with a wide remit under Northern Ireland's equality laws.

Evelyn is a law graduate of Sheffield University, and has Masters' degrees from the University of Toronto (Criminology) and Queen's University Belfast (Human Rights and Discrimination Law).

Evelyn has worked on equality issues since the 1980s, mostly in Northern Ireland but also as a national expert working on gender equality in the European Commission in Brussels.

Evelyn is Chair of the Equal Rights Trust and was previously Chair of the Board of Equinet, the European Network of Equality Bodies from October 2013 to October 2017. Evelyn is a member of the European Commission's Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunities between Women and Men.

Evelyn also serves on the Board of the Chief Executives' Forum in Northern Ireland and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

Evelyn was awarded the CBE in 2008, for services to the public in Northern Ireland. In July 2014, the University of Ulster awarded Evelyn the honorary degree of Doctor of Law (LLD) for her contribution to the promotion of equality and good relations.

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