

Welcome to the Equality CoP newsletter

What's new?

IDeA regional events

The IDeA are organising a series of five regional events based on the five performance areas of the Equality Framework for Local Government (EFLG) – these events, and the ongoing CoP activity around them, will form a hub for our support activities; strengthening the business, legal and moral case for equality and cohesion. The events will focus on how the sector can work with the EFLG and the Equality Act to help build a better awareness of:

understanding diversity & tackling inequality equals strong cohesive communities

We will be running a number of online support activities on the Equality CoP to encourage in-depth dialogue in the lead up to the events, support discussions during the event, and share the learning as widely as possible after. To find out more about the first event in Nottingham on 14 July go to: www.communities.idea.gov.uk/c/44962/events/event-display.do?id=4630714

The EFLG, CAA and the Coalition Government

Over the last few weeks we have had many queries about the role of the new EFLG with the new political landscape and the abolition of CAA. Read our response on Michael Keating's (IDeA National Adviser for Equalities and Cohesion) blog:

www.communities.idea.gov.uk/c/44962/blog/blog-display.do?backlink=ref&id=4656483

New **forum** topics

Smart equality – the IDeA are interested in getting people together to discuss a shared equality service working across an area, either public bodies or districts or counties working together. Find out more:

www.communities.idea.gov.uk/c/44962/forum/thread.do?backlink=ref&id=4443678

Equality Act – the IDeA are working with the EHRC on guidance for the sector specific guidance for the generic equality duty. There has been lots of discussion about what the sector needs:

www.communities.idea.gov.uk/c/44962/forum/thread.do?backlink=ref&id=4024373

Equality and inclusion weeks – Jake Atkinson at Northamptonshire County Council would like to hear from any colleagues who have organised such council-wide events:

www.communities.idea.gov.uk/c/44962/forum/thread.do?backlink=ref&id=4523850

Supporting partially sighted members on Planning Committee – Emily Cooter from Weymouth and Portland Borough Council would like to hear some tips on this:

www.communities.idea.gov.uk/c/44962/forum/thread.do?backlink=ref&id=4616171

[Library](#)

Equality Framework for Local Government 2009 survey results – the EFLG's key findings and benchmarking tool are now available on the Equality CoP

European local authorities competition on good practice on the support for migrant elders' initiatives – deadline to enter this cash prize competition is 30 September.

Equality Act guidance – Dan Thorpe, Cambridgeshire County Council, and Celia Golden, Hounslow Council have both provided information that they have used in their authorities

Kind regards,

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