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Using CEDAW in the UK

Engender and the **Equality and Human Rights Commission in Scotland** present a capacity-building event on the

United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

- Find out more about CEDAW and its Optional Protocol, and other international women's rights instruments
- Learn about the practical ways you can use CEDAW and other mechanisms in your lobbying work and for holding the government and public bodies to account
- Get involved in the shadow reporting process in Scotland and the UK
- Celebrate the centenary of International Women's Day with other organisations in Scotland working in women's rights.

When and where?

Glasgow – 11.00 – 14.00, Friday 11th March 2011, The Grand Central Hotel

Aberdeen - 11.00 – 14.00, Thursday 17th March, 2011, Inspire Conferences

How to Book:

Please email you name and contact details clearly stating whether you wish to attend the Glasgow or Aberdeen event to catriona.kirkpatrick@engender.org.uk or info@engender.org.uk or phone 0131 558 9596.

Using CEDAW in the UK: Agenda

10.30	Registration
11.00	Welcome
11.15	Using CEDAW – an introduction to CEDAW and the current situation in the UK
12.15	CEDAW Optional Protocol – using the protocol
12.45	Break
13.00	Introduction the treaty bodies, reporting process and the role of NGOs and an introduction to the monitoring framework
13.45	Shadow reporting update for Scotland
14.00	Close with a light lunch

Why should I attend?

CEDAW is often referred to as the ‘International Bill of Rights for Women’ and is an important mechanism for women’s rights, however it is underused in the UK. The UK government are due to report to the CEDAW Committee – a panel of international women’s equality experts who monitor government’s compliance with CEDAW – in May 2011. The last time the government were examined the Committee found the efforts to address women’s equality in the UK wanting in many critical areas, and made strong recommendations, including the provision of sustainable funding for women’s organisations.

Now is a critical time for the women’s voluntary and community sector and the added pressures of the cuts and new government agendas mean that women’s organisations face complex challenges.

Come along to one of these events to learn about CEDAW and other international women’s rights instruments, and how you can use them to strengthen your organisation and lobbying voice.

Who should attend?

You should attend if you:

- Work for a women’s organisation, project, campaign or network
- Work for an advice giving service that may be able to employ CEDAW and/or the Optional Protocol

- Are an individual interested in campaigning about discrimination against women
- Are a gender equality lead within an organisation, the third or public sector, or an advice agency
- Work to progress women's equality in other ways (e.g. through journalism, academia etc)

How much does it cost?

The training seminar is FREE but booking is essential.

Access

Please let us know any information that will help us facilitate your participation in the event, including communications support, as well as any dietary or access requirements. We cannot guarantee these unless booked 3 weeks in advance but we will make every effort to ensure events are inclusive.

For more information

For more information about CEDAW visit www.wrc.org.uk/cedaw and www.equalityhumanrights.com/human-rights/international-framework/un-convention-on-the-elimination-of-discrimination-against-women/

For more information about Engender visit www.engender.org.uk

For more information about Equality and Human Rights Commission in Scotland visit www.equalityhumanrights.com/scotland/