



## The Equality and Human Rights Commission: Developing the Ties That Bind Fairness for All

"A society built on fairness and respect. People confident in all aspects of their diversity. In order to bring about effective change, the commission uses influence and authority to ensure that equality and human rights remain at the top of agendas for government and employers, media and society. We will campaign for social change and justice. The commission gives advice and guidance to businesses, the voluntary and public sectors, and also to individuals. Developing an evidence-based understanding of the causes and effects of inequality for people across Britain, the commission will be an authoritative voice for reform"

— Extract from *Vision, Mission & Priorities, Equality and Human Rights Commission*

### Event Details

Title: **The Equality and Human Rights Commission:  
Developing the Ties That Bind  
Fairness for All**

Date: Tuesday 17th June 2008

Time: 10:00am — 16:30pm

Venue: One Birdcage Walk, Westminster, London

### Organiser

Public Policy Exchange, in association with the Centre for Parliamentary Studies, holds regular interactive seminars which provide an invaluable interface for policy discussion, debate and networking.

These special events offer local practitioners, civil servants and other stakeholders not only an insight into current policy thinking, but also the opportunity to feed into future policy development across all areas of public policy.

### Overview

With the long awaited launch in October 2007 of the new Equality and Human Rights Commission, the Government has signalled a new era of championing equal opportunities for all, the protection of human rights and tackling discrimination at all levels and on all grounds be it race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation/identity, religion or belief.

This major one-day conference, hosted by the Centre for Parliamentary Studies, will provide local practitioners with a valuable insight into the new Body's vision, mission and priorities. Participants will consider how the EHRC will safeguard the work of the out-going Commissions as well as incorporate the new equality 'strands' of religion/belief, sexual orientation/identity and age into a multi-dimensional framework. Some of the key themes to be explored at this conference include:

- Understanding the New Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Landscape
- Striking The Balance between Enforcement and Persuasion
- Recognising Multiple-Identities, Developing a Multi-Dimensional Framework
- The Challenge for Local Authorities, Public Bodies and Employers
- The Potential Implications of a Future Single Equality Act

As the EHRC continues its work to build a strong, independent champion for equality and human rights in Britain, delegates will consider the key challenges that lie ahead in creating a lasting framework that will tackle discrimination on all grounds, promote equality and develop the ties that bind fairness for all.

### Who should attend?

Equal Opportunities Officers, Equality, Diversity & Human Rights Practitioners, Race Equality Councils, Race Equality Practitioners, Access Officers, Disability Practitioners, Campaigning Organisations, Health Service Professionals, HR & Organisational Development Professionals, Local Authority Officers & Councillors, Police & Fire Service, Private Sectors Employers, Public Sector Employers, Central Government Departments & Bodies, Regulatory Bodies, Third Sector Practitioners, Trade Union Representatives, Academics

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