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A New Equality Bill:

Equality Law fit for the 21st Century

Monday 9 June 2008

9.30 am to 4.30 pm

TUC, Congress Hall, Congress House,
Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS



The Discrimination Law Review (DLR) was set up in February 2005 to 'address long-held concerns about inconsistencies in the current anti-discrimination legislative framework'. It aimed to consider 'the fundamental principles of discrimination legislation and its underlying concepts' and how to put in place 'the opportunities for creating a clearer and more streamlined equality legislation framework, which produces better outcomes for those who experience disadvantage'.

The Discrimination Law Review reported in June 2007. It proposed that existing laws on sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, religion or belief and age discrimination should be brought together into a single equality act within this parliament. It is proposed that a new Equality Bill will feature in the Queen's speech in November 2008.

The TUC and the Equality and Diversity Forum are hosting this one-day conference to provide trade unionists, NGOs and discrimination law advisers with an update on the Discrimination Law Review consultation and to discuss the key issues to be addressed in the Equality Bill.

The conference will hear from leading discrimination law practitioners and experts about the benefits of a single equality act and the plans for harmonising the existing laws. It will look at what new opportunities might be created for positive action, what a single public sector equality duty might look like, how procurement and contract compliance could be used to promote equality in the private sector, and how cases of multiple discrimination could be addressed within a single framework. The Secretary of State for Women and Equalities Harriet Harman QC MP will give the keynote speech to set the scene for the day.



Speakers include:

Rt. Hon. Harriet Harman QC MP

Secretary of State for Women and Equalities

Kay Carberry

Assistant General Secretary, TUC

Robin Allen QC

Head of Cloisters Chambers

Mark Bell

Professor, University of Leicester

Colm O'Connell

Senior Lecturer in Law, University College London

Andrew Harrop

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