

Equality of Opportunity Committee

Minutes(EOC(3)-01-08)

Date: Thursday 24 January 2008

Time: 9.30 - 12.10

Venue: Committee Room 3, Senedd, National Assembly for Wales

Assembly Members in Attendance

Ann Jones (Chair), Vale of Clwyd
Eleanor Burnham, North Wales
Christine Chapman, Cynon Valley
Mark Isherwood, North Wales
Bethan Jenkins, South Wales West
Lynne Neagle, Torfaen
Joyce Watson, Mid and West Wales

Committee Service

Tom Jackson, Clerk
Claire Griffiths, Deputy Clerk

Others in Attendance

Sue Dye, Equality and Human Rights Commission
Paul Elliott, Unison Cymru Wales
Derek Walker, Wales TUC
Tim Ruscoe, Barnardos Cymru
Amy Barrett, Disabled Young Person's Reference Group
Stephen Dyer, Disabled Young Person's Reference Group
Heather Graham, Disabled Young Person's Reference Group
Richard Horrigan, Disabled Young Person's Reference Group
Hannah Kubler, Disabled Young Person's Reference Group
Gareth Morgans, Disabled Young Person's Reference Group
Sara Prickard, Disabled Young Person's Reference Group
Simon Richards, Disabled Young Person's Reference Group
Jessica Roberts, Disabled Young Person's Reference Group
Robert Surrey, Disabled Young Person's Reference Group

Item 1: Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public.
Apologies were received from Angela Burns and Helen Mary Jones.

Item 2: Equal Pay Campaign

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Sue Dye, Derek Walker and Paul Elliot responded to questions from Members.

Action:

The Chair to write to the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government in response to his letter of 26 November requesting regular updates on the equal pay campaign and to advise that the Committee is eager for the cross party working group to be formulated.

Item 3: Service Provision for Disabled Young People

The Committee received a presentation from the Disabled Young Person's Reference Group on how they feel the recommendations contained in the Report have, if any, made an improvement to their lives 12 months after the report was published and also on how they see improvements being made in the future.

The Group replied to questions from Members.

Action:

The Chair to write to the Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning & Skills asking what the Welsh Assembly Government has done to ease the transition between school and college for disabled young people.