

# Have your say and help us develop our Equalities Scheme

The National Assembly for Wales Commission is identifying its equalities priorities to inform the development of its Single Equalities Scheme and Action Plan. Our plan will focus on the following equalities strands: age, disability, gender/gender identity, race/ethnicity, religion/belief and sexual orientation.

The Scheme will address the Assembly Commission's role as an employer and as a body that provides services to Assembly Members and interacts with the people of Wales. We believe that one of our priorities is to improve under represented groups' access to the Assembly. By that we mean access to information, access to Assembly proceedings, access to potential employment opportunities and access to our buildings e.g. the Senedd.

You might have some suggestions as to how access for you can be improved.

We would like to hear what you think about the following issues and how they might affect you, your family/friends or people in your community. **Please share with family, friends and anyone else you think might be interested.**

**If you would like to e-mail comments back directly please contact the Equalities Team on [equalities.team@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:equalities.team@wales.gsi.gov.uk) or if you prefer, telephone Holly or Ross (Equalities Team) on 029 2089 8204. The closing date for responses is 29 August 2008.**

Please tell us what you think about the following issues

## Access to information

- Do you know how to find information about the National Assembly for Wales?
- Have you used our website ([www.assemblywales.org](http://www.assemblywales.org))? What was it like? What is easy to use? How could it be improved?
- Should we produce information in languages other than English and Welsh?
- Do you know how to contact your Assembly Member?

## Access to employment opportunities

- Do you regularly see our jobs advertised?
- Where would you like to see them advertised?
- What would encourage you to apply for a job with us?
- What would discourage you from applying?

## Access to proceedings

- Are you aware that you can watch Assembly meetings? Have you done this? What did you think?
- Are you aware that Assembly meetings can be watched on the internet? Do you know where this is?
- Do you know about the Assembly's petitioning system, where members of the public can ask the Assembly to consider a certain issue?

## Access to our buildings

- Have you ever visited the Senedd in Cardiff Bay? You can take a tour of the building, watch proceedings or just come in for a wander and a visit to the café.
- If you have visited the Senedd, what did you think? What could be improved?

**Is there anything else that you feel should be brought to our attention?**

**You can book seats for Plenary or Committee meetings in the Senedd, or book a tour by calling the booking line on 0845 010 5500, textphone 0845 010 5678**

**or emailing: [assembly.bookings@Wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:assembly.bookings@Wales.gsi.gov.uk)**

**or by writing to: Assembly Booking Service, National Assembly for Wales, North Wales Visitor Centre, Princes Park, Princes Drive, Colwyn Bay, Conwy LL29 8PL**