



Equality Challenge Unit



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## **Implications of the Equality Bill on the higher education sector**

### **Joint ECU and AUA Seminar and consultation event**

**Friday, 26 June 2009, 10.30-13.00**  
**Woburn House, London**

An opportunity to hear about the implications of the Equality Bill for higher education institutions and to discuss the terms of a response to the proposed consultation on the new public duties.

### **The Equality Bill**

[The Equality Bill](#), published on Monday 27 April 2009 by the [Government Equalities Office](#), will have legal and practical implications for all higher education institutions.

The Bill proposes a general public duty on public authorities including higher education institutions. The duty will be extended from the current areas of race, gender and disability to include the protected characteristics of sex, pregnancy and maternity, gender reassignment, age, sexual orientation and religion and belief.

### **Programme**

10.30 – 10.35	Welcome from the Chair <i>Alison Robinson, Executive Director Association of University Administrators</i>
10.35 – 10.45	Introduction to the Equality Bill <i>Nicola Dandridge, Chief Executive of Equality Challenge Unit</i>
10.45 – 11.15	The impact of the proposed public sector duties on Higher Education Institutions <i>Nick Abbott, Partner, Mills &amp; Reeve Solicitors</i>
11.15 – 12.30	Workshops to discuss responses to the consultation <i>led by Chris Brill, Ellen Pugh and Stuart Moore</i>

	<i>Equality Challenge Unit</i>
	Tea and coffee
12.30 – 13.00	Feedback and plenary discussion

## Who should attend?

- Equality and diversity practitioners
- Human Resources
- Registrars
- Chairs of Equality and Diversity Committees
- Student support
- Those with responsibility for responding to the Equality Bill consultation on behalf of their HEI

## How to book

The consultation events are free of charge, and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Please complete the booking form below and return it by **Friday 19 June 2009**.

You can also download the form from our website:  
[www.ecu.ac.uk/events/equality-bill-consultation-london](http://www.ecu.ac.uk/events/equality-bill-consultation-london)

## Venue

**Woburn House**  
 20 Tavistock Square  
 London  
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Tel: 020 7419 4111

- [Getting to Woburn House](#)

## EQUALITY BILL CONSULTATION (London)

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### BOOKING FORM

To reserve a place, please complete this form and return in electronic or hard copy by **Friday 19 June 2009** to:

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