

Terms of Reference and Membership of the Northwest Equality and Diversity Group

The North West Equality and Diversity Group (NWEDG) is a wide-ranging network of equality and diversity stakeholders.

It oversaw the publication of the first regional equality and diversity strategy, Action for Equality, and now acts to support, and review, progress towards implementation.

NWEDG also acts as a forum for discussing issues of common concern, raising issues with outside agencies and providing a platform for speakers.

Meetings will be held every two months and 4NW, NWDA, NHS NW and GONW will act as its secretariat.

A chair and Vice Chair will be elected annually.

NWEDG's Terms of Reference are:

- to support the implementation of the Regional Equality and Diversity Strategy, working with GONW, 4NW, NHS NW and NWDA and the Equality Strategy Group, including acting as critical friend as appropriate
- to act as a network of regional and sub regional organisations to discuss equality and diversity issues of common concern
- to offer information and strategic advice on equality and diversity issues as requested by the 4NW, NWDA, GONW and CEHR

Current North West Equality and Diversity Group Membership

Membership is extended to those organisations in the voluntary, private or public sectors with:

- a commitment to the above goals
- the capacity to contribute at a strategic level, and
- either a regional or sub regional remit.

New members will be agreed by the Group at its meetings.

The current list of members is:

50/50 Vision	FSB
ACAS	GM Pay and Employment Rights Service
Access Matters	GONW
Age Concern	Health Care Commission
Amicus	Housing Diversity Network (North)
Asian Business Federation	Ibrahim Bassett Associates
Breakthrough UK	LG employer (national)
Business Leadership Team	LGBT Youth
Catholic Caring Service	LGF
Cheshire CC- Traveller Education Service	LSC
Cheshire LGBT Alliance	Merseyside Disability Federation
Chester City Council	Migrant Worker Institute
Commission for Racial Equality	MMU
Connexions Cumbria	Museums, libraries and archive Diversity network .
Cumbria Disability Network	National Housing Federation

Diversity Action	National Institute for Public Health
Diversity Centre Ltd	Network North West
Disability Right Commission	NIACE
Equal Opportunities Commission	NW Community Cohesion Network
Forum for Faith	NWDA
Forward North West	NWEO
4NW	RCN
One North West	RNIB (North West)
Oxfam (Regender)	Sefton Equality Partnership
Peace Maker	The Care Service Improvement Partnership
Positive Action North West	TUC (North West)
Press for Change	VSNW
Preston and West Lancashire REC	Warrington Disability Partnership
Preston City Council	Women's Business Network