

EQUALITY MATTERS (for schools)

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It has been great to see so many of you at the Equality Act 2010 training days at Urchfont – please don't forget to use the contact list from your pack if you need any further help and support. You can now find sections of the Equality training pack, including templates, on the EMAS Equalities webpage at:



www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schoolseducationandlearning/schoolsandcolleges/teacherresources/ethnicminorityachievementsservice/emasequalities.htm



Please note that the date for the publication of Equality Information by schools under the new Equality Act has now been changed from 31 December 2011, to 6th April 2012, in line with the due date for the publication of schools' Equality Objective/s. If you need any further information regarding the new requirements for schools to publish Equality Objectives and Equality Information, please contact Pam at the address below.



We also have the first dates for the Equality Advocate training programme (linking in with the Wiltshire Equality Objective - please email Pam for more details). The dates are: 17th and 26th April 2012. The venues are to be confirmed, and invitation will be sent out well in advance of the dates.



The latest Racist Incident Data appears below, with comparative figures for previous years. Please contact Pam Carroll if you would like further detailed information about these figures.

2002-3	319	2006-7	351
2003-4	269	2007-8	374
2004-5	248	2008-9	326
2005-6	268	2009-10	343
2010-11	384		

Please note that on the advice of the LA legal department, schools are now required to keep their individual Racist Incident records for a minimum retention period of six years after the child/young person has reached the age of 18. This is because personal injury proceedings can be brought for incidents six years after the child has reached the age of 18.



We have recently run an extremely successful Citizenship day for year 7 at one of our secondary schools. Topics covered in lively and very interactive group sessions were: Traveller Culture, Black History, Communities, Languages of Wiltshire, Sustainability, Islamic Community, Sexual Orientation, Age Concern, Drugs and Alcohol Awareness. We can also provide a session on issues around disability. We also have a great programme for primary schools - looking at a selection of similar topics, which can be delivered over a period of a day or a few days, to fit in with your timetable. These programmes are available to your secondary and primary schools - please contact Pam for more details.

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