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097/09 MOJ EQUALITY AWARDS – NOMINATIONS OPEN

MoJ's corporate equality division is inviting nominations for the first-ever Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Awards for MoJ staff. The awards are designed to highlight the work being done across MoJ to improve the experience and services offered to staff, end service users and stakeholders.

They are open to all staff (contract and permanent) working in all parts of MoJ, including NOMS, non-departmental public bodies and agencies.

The three categories are:

- Award for service user/stakeholder impact
- Award for staff impact
- The MoJ Inspiration Award "the spirit of equality"

The judging panel will be made up from members of the Equality Delivery board, and the winners will receive their awards from a specially invited guest at MoJ's Equality in Justice Day conference in London on 21 October.

Further Information:

If you would like to nominate yourself, your colleague or a team, please complete the nomination form, available from Epic, and return it to the equality in Justice team. Don't delay: the closing date is 14 October 2009.

For NPS staff

http://npsintranet/index/news_and_comms/news/moj_equality_awards_nominations_open.htm

For GSi users

http://npsintranet.probation.gsi.gov.uk/index/news_and_comms/news/moj_equality_awards_nominations_open.htm

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098/09 NEW RESETTLEMENT RESOURCE

Staff who support offenders into employment and accommodation can find help from the new Link Up Link In website and handbook. The idea is to help joint-working among frontline professionals. The website includes case studies, guidance and useful facts, showing how organisations across the country are working together to improve the lives of socially excluded people.

A survey of frontline staff, including prisons and probation, helped develop the resource. The frontline staff consulted were enthusiastic about the idea of a resource that could help them to work together more effectively. A pilot database in the East Midlands, will also let staff with common interests and responsibilities in housing and employment search for other relevant professionals on the website and strengthen ties within the region.

Angela Smith, Minister for the Third Sector and Social Exclusion, said: "We know many public services across the country are already working together to deliver services. This campaign and toolkit aims to share lessons and get local organisations talking about working more effectively and efficiently."

Further Information:

<http://www.hmg.gov.uk/linkuplinkin.aspx>

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099/09 QUARTER ONE 2009-10 PERFORMANCE RATINGS

The Quarter One performance ratings for prisons and probation have been published. The ratings can be found on Epic with Q&A documents on how the performance rating system works. Ratings for all Probation Area / Trusts and for all Prisons will be published internally and externally on the [MoJ website](#).

Chief Operating Officer Michael Spurr said: "Overall performance remains very good. I know this does not come without a great deal of hard work. Thank you for all your efforts and for the continuing work to improve performance and provide the public with the best Service possible."

Further Information:

NPS Staff

http://npsintranet/index/news_and_comms/news/quarter_one_2009-10_performance_ratings.htm

GSi users

http://npsintranet.probation.gsi.gov.uk/index/news_and_comms/news/quarter_one_2009-10_performance_ratings.htm

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100/09 MOJ EQUALITY IN JUSTICE DAY – BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW

MoJ is inviting staff to attend its second annual Equality in Justice Day on 21 October. The event will explore how communities are affected by and work with the criminal justice system and how individuals can influence the agenda to ensure the justice system meets their needs.

Sign up and be inspired by keynote speaker Professor Richard Wilkinson, author of 'The Spirit Level: Why Equal Societies Always Do Better' and share ideas with representatives from stakeholder organisations, charities and other government departments at a range of syndicate sessions.

Places are available (on a first come, first-served basis) with local managers responsible for covering T&S claims as necessary. The conference will be held at the Business, Innovation and Skills Department conference centre in central London from 9:30-16:00hrs.

If you would like to attend, please discuss with your line manager and then email your details to equality_in_justice_day@justice.gsi.gov.uk

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