
Important Date For Your Diary ...

Men's Health Seminar, 10th September 2008

On behalf of YouthAction NI's Young Men's Unit, Men's Action Network and The Men's Project, I am writing to give you **ADVANCE NOTICE** about a Men's Health Seminar. This will highlight key issues / needs within Northern Ireland, and will identify actions to address these difficulties. Please note that the details of this free event are ...

Wednesday 10th September 2008
9.00am - 1.00pm (followed by lunch)
Long Gallery, Parliament Buildings, Stormont

This seminar (supported by funding from the Gender Equality Unit within OFMDFM) will be addressed by a range of leading British and Irish experts in this area - drawn from the fields of research, practice, academia and policy-influencing - and will provide an opportunity for participants to hear about ...

- □ the **context** of men's health;
- □ the relationship between **masculinity** and health-seeking behaviour;
- □ the most recent **research evidence and statistics**;
- □ how men's health in Northern Ireland compares to **other countries**;
- □ the rationale for, and scope of, the Men's Health **Strategy in the Republic of Ireland**;
- □ the **Vienna Declaration** on Men's Health.

Keynote addresses will be provided by ...

- □ **Prof Ian Banks** - President of the European Men's Health Forum, BMA(NI) Spokesperson on Men's Health, author of the Haynes Manuals for Men series, and broadcaster on men's health issues.
- □ **Dr Steve Robertson** - Reader in the Centre for Men's Health at Leeds Metropolitan University, Director of the European Men's Health Development Foundation, author on masculinities and men's health, advisor to ESRC "Masculinities in Transition" project.
- □ **Dr Ken Harland** - Course Director of BSc Community Youth Work course at the University of Ulster, Director of the Centre for Young Men's Studies, author on Masculine Identities in Northern Ireland, and innovator in projects to engage males.
- □ **Dr Noel Richardson** - Director of the Centre for Men's Health Research and Training at the Institute of Technology in Carlow, Development Coordinator of the Men's Health Strategy in the Republic of Ireland, author on men's health and masculinities in Ireland, Board member of the Men's Health Forum in Ireland and the European Men's Health Forum.

This event will be of special interest to health and social service policy-makers and service providers, men's groups, and persons with a remit for equality issues in any field.

There will be a maximum of 60 free places available at this prestigious event. These will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

To register your interest in applying for a place, please contact ... Trisha McQueen, The Men's Project, Parents Advice Centre, Email: trisha@mensproject.org Tel: 02890 310891