

Comments on Principles

Comments by organisations, groups and individuals listed alphabetically under each of the headings identified as the main issues raised in the responses to the consultation.

British Psychological Society - The principles are clearly articulated and no additional principles should be included.

Communist Party of Ireland - Northern Area Committee - if the principles in the document are to be implemented then finance and resources are required.

EHSSB - Fine as high level principles. They need to state commitment to equality of opportunity and promoting human rights.

NICICTU - would welcome the inclusion of a commitment to the promotion of de facto equality and the use of appropriate positive action measures.

Northern Ireland Women's European Platform - Failure to acknowledge the 'lack of choice' experienced by many women in relation to employment outside the home.

Presbyterian Church in Ireland - appropriate, highlighting particularly a positive, pro-active approach. working in partnership. It is unclear how the strategy may take into account where people live. For example, will this involve a certain weighting to different areas and if so is this not a form of social stereotyping. The experience of two people from the same area may be radically different.

South and East Belfast Trust - The principles are clear and appropriate. However, they are 'wordy'. Principles are best remembered when the language used is concise. The Trust would welcome a principle direct at the promotion of best practice and another at insuring cohesion and keeping bureaucracy - including that around monitoring indicators, to a minimum.

University of Ulster - (in relation to the first principle) important to include how we live in addition to where . and this principle should also include socio-economic, cultural and environmental factors. The second principle should be broadened (to apply to) all of the key areas and should include links with multiple identifies. The fourth principle should state that it values and support multiple identities in addition to recognition. Overall the concept of multiple identities is not highlighted or integrated throughout the document, particularly in relation to key action areas.

Women's Criminal Justice Network - The principles, whilst useful may we feel add a further layer of confusion to the document, that said it is useful to clarify the principles upon which future action plans will be based.

YouthAction Northern Ireland - Throughout the Gender Matters document there is no recognition of young men. The term 'boy' would no represent the young men with whom the agency would engage. The use of the term 'young men' should replace the use of 'boy'. ... A more strategic approach to working with young men must be developed.