

Appointment of Member to Equality 2025

Maria Miller, Minister for Disabled People, has announced the appointment of Dr Gary McGladdery as a member to Equality 2025 from 15 April 2011 until 31 March 2013.

Equality 2025 is a non-departmental public body of publicly appointed disabled people, which was established in December 2006.

The group offers strategic, confidential advice to Government on issues that affect disabled people. This advice can include participation in the very early stages of policy development, or in-depth examination of existing policy. The group works with Ministers and senior officials across government.

Minister for Disabled People Maria Miller said: "I look forward to working with Gary McGladdery as well as the Chair and other members of Equality 2025, to further support and develop equality and independence for disabled people."

Member of Equality 2025, Dr Gary McGladdery said: "I am delighted to be taking up this appointment on Equality 2025 and look forward to working with the new Chair (Rachael Perkins) and members. I am keen to make a valuable contribution to the role of Equality 2025 in working with Government."

The Commissioner for Public Appointments agreed an exemption from the Code of Practice on 9 March 2011 to allow us to make an appointment from the Equality 2025 membership exercise undertaken last spring. All appointments are made on merit, subject to independent scrutiny and political activity plays no part in the selection process.

Notes to editors

- The Chair and members of Equality 2025 have personal experience of disability.
- Equality 2025 is sponsored by (but not part of) the Office for Disability Issues. The body is ultimately responsible to the Minister for Disabled People, Maria Miller.
- For more information visit www.odi.gov.uk/equality-2025
- Members' fees are £193 per day, or £27.50 an hour for up to three days a month.
- Dr Gary McGladdery was a member of Equality 2025 until 31 March 2010.
- This appointment is made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointees' political activity (if declared) to be made public.
 - No information was declared for any political activity.