

# **Disability in Local Councils Initiative Employability Seminar**

**Tuesday 1 December 2009  
Lagan Valley Island, Island Civic Centre, Lisburn**

## **Programme**

**10.15 am Welcome and Introduction**

Lorna Parsons, Professional Officer  
The Local Government Staff Commission for NI

**10.20 am Employability – the law and good practice**

Paul Oakes, Manager  
Equality Commission for NI

**10.40 am Employability – options**

Robert Cairns, Consultancy Manager, Frances McGirr,  
Employment Team Leader and Paul McGowan, Equality Officer  
Mencap

**11.00 am Employability – assistance for employers**

Jim McGinley, Access to Work Advisor,  
Disablement Advisory Service

Gabrielle Fitzpatrick, Manager  
Employers for Disability NI

**11.40 am Employability – valuing disabled employees**

Laura McCartney, Employment and Training Support Manager,  
Disability Action

**12.15 pm Support for Champions  
- training package**

Lorna Parsons, Professional Officer  
The Local Government Staff Commission for NI

**12.45 pm Question and Answer Session**

**1.00 pm Lunch**