

# Institute of Equality & Diversity Practitioners

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Dear Onora O'Neill

Firstly may I congratulate you on becoming Chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission. I would like to introduce the Institute of Equality and Diversity Practitioners to you if you are not already aware of our work.

We were formed in 2009 to provide a professional body for practitioners helping set and maintain high standards for our sector, where none previously existed. In the various capacities in which I have worked promoting and advancing equality I meet with your predecessor Trevor Phillips on a regular basis, sometimes at his request and sometimes at ours. I would welcome to opportunity to meet with you at your earliest convenience to explore further what we do and why we wish to remain 'critical' friends in what we perceived to be difficult times for the equality and human rights agenda

I look forward to hearing from your office shortly.

Yours sincerely

Linda Bellos OBE  
Chair