

Coalition Programme for Government: Equality measures

The Coalition Programme for Government was published on 20 May 2010. It gives commitments across the Equalities agenda and will form the basis of the work that the Government Equalities Office will now take forward.

The Government believes that there are many barriers to social mobility and equal opportunities in Britain to-day, and promises concerted action to help build a fairer society. Specific commitments include:

- 'We will promote equal pay and take a range of measures to end discrimination in the workplace.
- We will extend the right to request flexible working to all employees, consulting with business on how best to do so.
- We will undertake a fair pay review in the public sector to implement our proposed "20 times" pay multiple.
- We will look to promote gender equality on the boards of listed companies.
- We will promote improved community relations and opportunities for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities, including by providing internships for under-represented minorities in every Whitehall department and funding a targeted national enterprise mentoring scheme for BAME people who want to start a business.
- We will stop the deportation of asylum seekers who have had to leave particular countries because their sexual orientation or gender identification puts them at proven risk of imprisonment, torture or execution.
- We will use our relationships with other countries to push for unequivocal support for gay rights and for UK civil partnerships to be recognised internationally.'

In addition Ministers have committed to implement the Equality Act 2010, and there are important commitments relevant to our work in other parts of the Programme.

The Government Equalities Office has said that it looks forward to working together with all of its partners to ensure its important work continues.

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