

AN INVITATION FROM:

The Special Educational Needs Advice Centre (SENAC) in collaboration with the Queen's University Centre for Human Rights

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS: AN OVERVIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN EDUCATION POLICY, LAW AND PRACTICE IN SCOTLAND AND ENGLAND

This conference provides an opportunity for delegates to learn about recent changes and developments in education in both Scotland and England and assess what can be learned for change in Northern Ireland.

Date: Thursday 26 August 2010

Time: 9.30-3.30

Venue: Canada Room, Queen's University, Belfast

Cost: £70 (including buffet lunch)

'Across the whole of the UK there has never been greater interest in or profile for special education needs within the education system. In the Westminster Parliament there has been two select committee reports, a torrent of Independent Reviews including Berrcow on Speech and Language, Steer on Behaviour, Rose on Dyslexia, Lamb on Parental Confidence and Salt on Specialist Support.

The English system is also about to see very substantial shifts in overall fabric of schools organisation and provision with the growth of Academies the establishment of "free" or "charter schools" and new funding arrangements with the pupil premium, all of which could have a profound effect on education provision for children with SEN'. Brian Lamb

SPEAKERS: Brian Lamb OBE, Chair of the Lamb Inquiry and former Chair of the Special Educational Consortium: **'Reforming the SEN Framework in England, Change or Continuity?'**

Brian Lamb will look at the changes undertaken so far, coming out of his own review and other changes and the debates around what next for the English framework and the possible implications and lessons for changes in Northern Ireland.

Philippa Stobbs, Principal Officer, Council for Disabled Children and Manager of the Lamb Inquiry: **'Implementing recommendations from the Lamb Inquiry'**.

Iain Nisbet, Education Law Unit at Govan Law Centre, Scotland: **'Additional Support Needs, the Scottish Experience.'**

Frances Ross-Watt: Lecturer in Additional Support Needs/Course Director for Post Graduate Education Support, Strathclyde University, Scotland: **'Inclusive Education: From Rhetoric to Reality'** - Long term case study of a child with additional needs in the Scottish school system.

To reserve a place at this conference please complete the booking form and return it to SENAC by post or via email (details below). Places are limited so you are advised to book early. (SENAC is a charity organisation XR73658)

Booking Form

Event: 'SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS, AN INFORMATIVE OVERVIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN EDUCATION IN SCOTLAND AND ENGLAND.'

Venue: Canada Room, Queens University Belfast.

Date: 26 August 2010

First Name: _____

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Special dietary requirements (please specify)

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Payment Methods:

Invoice for conference fees will be issued on receipt of booking form.

Cheques should be made payable to: SENAC

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