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Psychologists sign up to inclusion

The Division of Educational and Child Psychology (DECP) of the British Psychological Society will demonstrate their commitment to inclusive education at the launch of Inclusion Week 2002 on November 11.

DECP Chair, Kairen Cullen, will attend the launch event, organized by The Centre For Studies on Inclusive Education and will sign up to their Inclusion Charter. This public commitment comes on the back of work recently undertaken by the DECP to produce its own position paper on the subject of inclusion in educational settings.

Referring to the position paper Kairen Cullen said " We have a great deal to offer schools, colleges and other learning environments which will help them become more inclusive. Not just educational psychologists but occupational, health, developmental, counseling, clinical and academic psychologists can all contribute to the maximization of participation of all learners.

They have skills which can help with the creation of more meaningful learning opportunities for learners subject to exclusionary pressures, and can contribute to the development of policies and practices in educational settings which will help diverse learning needs to be fully met."

Speaking of the Charter she said" I am proud to be representing all my colleagues in Psychology at this important event, signing up on their behalf to the Inclusion Charter which we regard as a clear statement of intent on our part"

The Launch of Inclusion Week 2002, and signing of the Inclusion Charter will take place at 10.30am on Monday 11 November at the Turner Suite, Holiday Inn, Bloomsbury, London.

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