



## **Sinéad Gibney has been appointed as the Director of Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission**

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### **Press Release**

The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC) Designate is very pleased to announce the appointment of Sinéad Gibney as its Director.

Emily Logan, Chief Commissioner Designate of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission said:

“I am delighted to welcome Sinéad Gibney as the Director of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission. Sinéad brings a wealth of experience to the role, both as a senior manager and as a person committed to promoting human rights and equality through the active engagement and empowerment of people. It is very important that the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission is accessible and relevant to everyone. I look forward to working with Sinéad to make this a reality.”



Sinéad Gibney will take up her role as Director of the IHREC on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014. Sinead has been Head of Social Action for Google for six years, managing all of Google Ireland's philanthropy portfolio. Based at Google's EMEA headquarters in Dublin, she joined Google in 2006 to build an e-learning function with the Learning & Development team. She led the flagship programme, *Age Engage*, which aims to improve internet engagement by older people. Sinéad has been passionate throughout her career about the Internet and how it can bring about social change.

Prior to working with Google, Sinéad worked as an e-learning specialist with Kilroy's College and Trinity College, Dublin. She began her career in Carr Communications and also spent a short time working in GOAL. Sinéad has also served for the last two years as a non-executive board member of One Family, an organisation which helps one family parent families and families in transition.

Sinéad holds a BA in History from the University of Ulster, an MSc in IT and Education from Trinity College, a postgraduate cert from IADT in Cyberpsychology and most recently an MSc in Equality Studies from UCD.

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