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## **Joy's at the heart of Whitefriars**

Whitefriars Housing Group has appointed a new manager to ensure equality and diversity issues are taken account of in all aspects of the business.

There are more than 80 community groups in the city, and the new role of equality and diversity manager will aim to ensure the needs of all these different minorities are taken into consideration.

Joy Warren joins Whitefriars from Telford and Shropshire Race Equality Council where she worked as a director. Previously she worked for Wolverhampton Partners Against Racial Harassment where she dealt with complaints from victims of racial discrimination. She has more than 15 years' experience in her field.

Joy's key responsibilities include ensuring equality objectives and targets are met, chairing Whitefriars' Equality and Diversity Champions Group and acting as the expert advisor on equality issues for the entire organisation.

She said: "I joined Whitefriars as I wanted a fresh challenge. As an iN business for neighbourhoods organisation and winner of a National Training Award, I recognised that Whitefriars is leading the field in my area of expertise. It is great to be part of that.

"I'm looking forward to building upon my previous experience to ensure equality and diversity issues are at the heart of Whitefriars' work."

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