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Equality Means Business - Accessibility Training Seminar for the Private Sector

Recently a two day training session was conducted at the University of Gibraltar as part of the Ministry for Equality's *Equality Means Business* training aimed at the private sector.

The training was delivered by Ian Streets from About Access UK to those in the private sector who work in the design and construction industry who wished to learn more about making buildings more accessible to people with disabilities. The session commenced with Mr Tito Garro from the Government Law offices explaining the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities and the forthcoming legislation. Mrs Maite Facio Beanland spoke to explain her personal perspective as a person with a disability.

The feedback from the session was once again extremely positive.

While here, Mr Streets has also been working with the Ministry for Equality on other matters where he has been delivering in-house training for the staff and advising on accessibility of various Government projects.

Minister for Equality Samantha Sacramento MP, who opened the seminar and addressed those attending, said: "The Government is taking this training initiative in order to support the private sector with information ahead of the implementation of new legislation that will require that all new buildings and any structure that requires a planning application to be accessible to individuals with disabilities".