

17 PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT - EMPLOYMENT DISABILITY UNIT - REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE (AN154-2004)

The Manager of the Council's Employment Disability Unit (EDU) has received a formal request from the Formem Federation in Portugal to deliver a workshop and a keynote address on job finding strategies for people with disabilities at its annual conference in Póvoa do Varzim in May 2004.

Formem is the National Federation of Vocational Training and Employment Centres for Disabled People in Portugal. It is a non-governmental organisation founded in 1991, whose members are private organisations developing vocational training, re-training to work, and employment actions for disabled people.

The conference will be attended by representatives from all organisations providing vocational training and rehabilitation in Portugal. The EDU Manager would share a platform with the Portuguese Secretary of State for Employment and the President of the Municipality of Póvoa do Varzim.

The Committee is requested to note this invitation and to approve the EDU Manager's participation. All costs, including salary, would be met by the Formem Federation.