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### **Area-Based Inspection**

**An Munia Tober**

**March 2009**

## **AREA-BASED INSPECTION - WEST BELFAST AREA 2009: STRATEGIC PLANNING, COHERENCE IN LEARNING EXPERIENCES AND TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS**

The Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI) carried out a area-based inspection of An Munia Tober during March 2009.

### **Strengths include:**

- the good strategic partnership with the Belfast Education and Library Board Pupil Support Services to support members of the travelling community in local post-primary schools;
- the very good understanding of the Irish Travelling Community's cultural identity;
- the high expectation of pupils to achieve relevant accreditation;
- the good quality of the learning experiences and opportunities provided; and
- the very good quality of the care, guidance and support for the pupils.

### **Areas for improvement are the need to:**

- support traveller pupils to remain in mainstream education through earlier intervention;
- enhance the pupils' learning through the provision of specific teaching materials, for example, in linguistic phonics and in their accessing of practical subjects; and
- assist the pupils attending in their obtaining of work placements and employment.

The overall composite report for the area-based inspection raises some important recurring areas for improvement. While these are not applicable in all the individual organisations, they are nevertheless important to address across the West Belfast area.

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