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Evaluate the success of a recent initiative in promoting anti-discriminatory practice.

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The recent initiative I am going to discuss that successfully promotes anti-discriminatory practice is that of SENDO. Anti-discriminatory practice is the main strategy in combating discrimination. It is action taken to prevent discrimination on the grounds of race, class, gender, disability and so on. SENDO stands for Special Educational Needs and Disability Order. It came into operation on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005. The following is a brief summary of the provisions of SENDO:

- It increases the right of children to inclusion in mainstream schooling if that is the wish of their parents and is compatible with the provision of efficient education for other children.
- Imposes a duty on Education and Library Boards to provide for parents with children with special educational needs advice and information relating to those needs.
- Imposes a duty on Education and Library Boards to provide a means of avoiding or resolving disputes between schools or Boards and parents.
- Imposes a duty on Boards to comply with orders of the Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal within certain time limits
- Imposes a duty on schools to inform a parent if special educational provision is being