

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICY

Gyffin Community Centre

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1 Statement of policy

The aim of this policy is to communicate the commitment of the committee Gyffin Community Centre to the promotion of equality of opportunity within the boundaries of the Gyffin Community Centre .

It is our policy to provide employment equality to all, irrespective of:

- Gender, including gender reassignment
- Marital or civil partnership status
- Having or not having dependants
- Religious belief or political opinion
- Race
- Disability
- Sexual orientation
- Age.

We are opposed to all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination. All job applicants, employees/volunteer's and others who work for us will be treated fairly and will not be discriminated against on any of the above grounds.

Decisions about recruitment and selection, promotion, training or any other benefit will be made objectively and without unlawful discrimination. We recognise that the provision of equal opportunities in the workplace is not only good management practice; it also makes sound business sense.

Our equal opportunities policy will help all those who work for us to develop their full potential and the talents and resources of the workforce will be utilised fully to maximise the efficiency of the organisation.

2 To whom does the policy apply?

The Equal Opportunities policy applies to all who work for the Gyffin Community Centre which includes paid staff and volunteers. The policy also includes the following:

- Job applicants and potential applicants
- Contracted workers
- Agency workers
- Students on work experience or placements
- Former employees
- Service providers
- Customers
- Sub-lease Tenants & their visitors
- Centre Visitors

3 Equality commitments

We are committed to:

- Promoting equality of opportunity for all persons
- Promoting a good and harmonious working environment in which all persons are treated with respect
- Preventing occurrences of unlawful direct discrimination, indirect discrimination, harassment and victimisation
- Fulfilling all our legal obligations under the equality legislation and associated codes of practice
- Complying with our own equal opportunities policy and associated policies
- Taking lawful affirmative or positive action, where appropriate
- Regarding all breaches of equal opportunities policy as misconduct which could lead to disciplinary proceedings.

4 Implementation

The committee have specific responsibility for the effective implementation of this policy.

Each committee member also has responsibilities and we expect all our employees/volunteers to abide by the policy and help create the equality environment which is its objective. In order to implement this policy we shall:

- Communicate the policy to employees, volunteers, job applicants and relevant others (such as contract or agency workers)
- Incorporate specific and appropriate duties in respect of implementing the equal opportunities policy into job descriptions and work objectives of all staff
- Provide equality training and guidance as appropriate, including training on induction and management courses.
- Ensure that those who are involved in assessing candidates for recruitment or promotion will be trained in non-discriminatory selection techniques
- Obtain commitments from other persons or organisations such as subcontractors or agencies that they too will comply with the policy in their dealings with our organisation and our workforce
- Ensure that adequate resources are made available to fulfil the objectives of the policy.

5 Monitoring and review

The Gyffin Community Centre will establish appropriate information and monitoring systems to assist the effective implementation of our equal opportunities policy.

6 Complaints

Employees, volunteers and visitors of the Gyffin Community Centre who believe that they have suffered any form of discrimination, harassment or victimisation, are entitled to raise the matter with the committee. All complaints of discrimination will be dealt with seriously, promptly and confidentially. In addition to our internal procedures, employees have the right to pursue complaints of discrimination to an industrial tribunal or the Fair Employment Tribunal under the following anti-discrimination legislation:

- Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 1976,
- Disability Discrimination Act 1995,
- Race Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1997,
- Employment Equality (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2003
- Fair Employment and Treatment) Order 1998,
- Employment Equality (Age) Regulations 2006
- Equal Pay Act 1970

However, employees/volunteers wishing to make a complaint to a tribunal will normally be required to raise their complaint under our internal grievance procedures first. Every effort will be made to ensure that employees/volunteers who make complaints will not be victimised. Any complaint of victimisation will be dealt with seriously, promptly and confidentially. Victimisation will result in disciplinary action and may warrant dismissal.

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