



EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND DIVERSITY POLICY FOR A4E

1. Background

Angling4Education is an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to ensuring within the framework of the law that our workplaces are free from unlawful discrimination on the grounds of colour, race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, sex, gender (including gender reassignment), sexual orientation, sexuality, marital status or disability. Angling4Education recognises diversity within our society, promotes understanding and harmony between diverse people, unites them in purpose and eradicates discrimination.

We aim to ensure that our staff achieve their full potential and that all employment decisions are taken without reference to irrelevant or discriminatory criteria. We have adopted the following policy as a means of helping to achieve these aims.

Every member of staff should have a copy of the equal opportunities policy. Further copies may be obtained from the Company.

2. What is discrimination?

2.1 Direct discrimination occurs where someone is put at a disadvantage on discriminatory grounds in relation to his or her employment. Direct discrimination may occur even when unintentional.

Examples

- A woman with young children fails to obtain a job because it is feared that she might be an unreliable member of staff.
- A Sikh applicant for a senior post is not appointed because he might not “fit in” with the existing (all white) team.
- The age of the person is taken into account rather than their competence or skill.

- A person is subjected to sexual innuendo or other offensive conduct of a sexual nature at work.

2.2 Indirect discrimination occurs where the individual's employment is subject to an unjustified condition which one sex or race nationality find more difficult to meet although on the face of it the condition or requirement is "neutral"

Examples

- A requirement for GCSE English as a selection criteria. This would have a disparately adverse impact on people educated overseas and may not be justified if all that is needed is to demonstrate a reasonable level of literacy.
- Full-time work – this would have a disparately adverse impact on more women with small children as they are generally accepted as taking the primary childcare role. It may not be justified if our business needs can still be met by more flexible working arrangements.

2.3 Disability discrimination occurs where an individual is unjustifiably disadvantaged in employment or recruitment for a reason connected with his or her disability unless the discrimination cannot be avoided by making reasonable adjustments.

Examples

- A requirement of staff to hold a valid driving licence for a job which involves little travelling
- Failure to recruit a wheelchair user without first considering whether the working arrangements or premises can reasonably be adapted to his or her needs.

2.4 Victimisation occurs where an individual is treated less favourably than colleagues because he or she has taken action to assert their statutory rights or assisted a colleague with information in that regard.

2.5 We are committed to ensuring that all our staff and applicants for employment are protected from unlawful discrimination in employment.

3. Implementing equality of opportunity

3.1 Recruitment and employment decisions will be made on the basis of fair and objective criteria. Our selection procedures are reviewed from time to time to ensure that they are appropriate for achieving our objectives and for avoiding unlawful discrimination.

3.2 The requirements of job applications and existing members of staff who have or have had a disability will be reviewed to ensure that whatever possible reasonable adjustments are made to enable them to enter into or remain in employment with us. Promotion opportunities, benefits and facilities of employment will not be unreasonably limited and every reasonable effort will be made to ensure that disabled staff participate fully in the workplace.

3.3 Person and job specifications will be limited to those requirements which are necessary for the effective performance of the job. Interviews will be conducted on an objective basis and personal or home commitments will not form the basis of employment decisions except where necessary.

3.4 In accordance with recommended practice the ethnic and gender composition of our staff and applicants for jobs will be monitored on an anonymous basis at all levels.

3.5 All staff have a right to equality of opportunity and a duty to implement this policy.

Breach of the equal opportunity and diversity policy is potentially a serious disciplinary matter. Anyone who believes that he or she may have been disadvantaged on discriminatory grounds is entitled to raise the matter through the grievance procedure.

4 The Angling4Education director has specific responsibility for the effective implementation of this policy. We expect all our employees to abide by the policy and help create the equality environment which we expect.

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