



## Equal Opportunities Policy

Lila Wellbeing CIC:

**ACCEPTS** that in society certain groups or individuals are denied equality on the grounds of race, gender, marital status, caring responsibilities, disability, gender re-assignment, age, social class, sexual orientation and religion/belief or any other factor irrelevant to the purpose in view.

**WELCOMES** the statutory requirements laid down in the Equalities Act 2010;

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/contents>

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/advice-and-guidance/your-rights-under-equality-act-2010>

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/publication-download/equal-pay-statutory-code-practice>

*Note: the Equalities Act replaced the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 and the Race Relations Act 1976 and supplements the Equal Pay Act 1970 <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1970/41/enacted>*

and is committed to complying with the Equalities Act 2010 with such other Acts and statutory requirements furthering equality of opportunity for all as also apply to its charitable activities.

**RECOGNISES** that it has moral and social responsibilities that go beyond the provisions of the above- mentioned Acts and Regulations, and that it should support and contribute to the wider process of change through all aspects of its work and practices in order to eliminate discrimination and promote equality and diversity.

**IS COMMITTED** to taking positive steps to ensure that:

- ✓ all people are treated with dignity and respect, valuing the diversity of all;
- ✓ equality of opportunity and diversity is promoted;
- ✓ services are accessible, appropriate and delivered fairly to all;
- ✓ the mix of its employees, volunteers and management committees reflects, as far as possible, the broad mix of the population of its local community;
- ✓ traditionally disadvantaged sections of the community are encouraged to participate in policy decisions about, and the management of the services provided.

### POLICY

This policy applies to all directors, staff, volunteers, service users and the general public.

### Commitment

Equality and diversity are central to the work of Lila Wellbeing CIC.

Lila Wellbeing CIC will treat all people with dignity and respect, valuing the diversity of all. It will promote equality of opportunity and diversity. It will eliminate all forms of discrimination on grounds of race, gender, marital status, caring responsibilities, disability, gender re-assignment, age, social class, sexual orientation, religion/ belief, irrelevant offending background or any other factor irrelevant to the purpose in view.

It will tackle social exclusion, inequality, discrimination and disadvantage.

For this policy to be successful, it is essential that everyone is committed to and involved in its delivery. Lila Wellbeing CIC's goal is to work towards a just society free from discrimination, harassment and prejudice. Lila Wellbeing CIC aims to embed this in all its policies, procedures, day-to-day practices and external relationships.

## **Aims**

Lila Wellbeing CIC aims to:

- ✓ Provide services that are accessible according to need;
- ✓ Promote equality of opportunity and diversity in volunteering, employment and development;
- ✓ Create effective partnerships with all parts of our community.

## **Objectives**

Lila Wellbeing CIC's objective is to realise its standards by:

- ✓ Sustaining, regularly evaluating and continually improving its services to ensure equality and diversity principles and best practice are embedded in our performance to meet the needs of individuals and groups;
- ✓ Working together with the community to provide accessible and relevant service provision that responds to service users' needs;
- ✓ Ensuring staff and volunteers are representative of the community served and the employment policies are fair and robust;
- ✓ Responding to volunteer's & employees' needs and encouraging their development to increase their contribution to effective service delivery;
- ✓ Recognising and valuing the differences and individual contribution that all people make to the company;
- ✓ Challenging discrimination;
- ✓ Providing fair resource allocation;
- ✓ Being accountable.

## **Why have this policy?**

Lila Wellbeing CIC recognises, respects and values diversity in its employees, volunteers and service users.

Lila Wellbeing CIC has this policy because it is a people-led organisation that must always ensure it meets the needs of the community through fair and appropriate employment and development of the people who work and volunteer for the company