

Equality & Diversity Policy

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DJD Group Limited and its wholly owned subsidiary, DJD Construction Consultants Limited, are committed to eliminating discrimination and encouraging diversity amongst our employees. We aim to achieve an environment in which employees will be drawn from all sections of our society, where each individual is respected and able to achieve their full potential, making a unique contribution to our success.

This policy aims to affirm our determination to provide equality and fairness for all in our employment and not to discriminate on grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. We strongly oppose all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination. All employees, whether part-time, full-time or temporary, will be treated fairly and with respect. Selection for employment, promotion, training or any other benefit will be on the basis of aptitude and ability. All employees will be helped and encouraged to develop to their full potential and the talents and resources of the team will be fully utilised to maximise the efficiency of the organisation. Both the individual and the collaborative success of the team will be celebrated.

Our commitment:

- To ensure that all staff, clients and individuals we have links to, are aware of our equal opportunity and diversity policy, together with the value placed upon it.
- To create a working environment in which individual differences and the contributions of all our staff are recognised and valued.
- That every employee, client and stakeholder is entitled to an environment that promotes the dignity and respect to all. No form of intimidation, bullying or harassment will be tolerated (as specified in our Bullying and Harassment Policy), firm action will be taken against anyone who denies another their right to dignity and respect.
- To guarantee that training and development opportunities are available to all staff and that these are tailored to develop and build upon an individual's strengths, whilst providing support in areas that can be improved.
- To introduce monitoring of job applicants, to ensure that we are reaching and attracting as diverse a set of candidates as possible through our recruitment processes.
- To consider all employees possessing the relevant skills for internal career progression opportunities.
- To make reasonable adjustments to help overcome physical and non-physical barriers for both our employees, clients and potential job applicants.
- To give active consideration to all requests for flexible working arrangements, based upon individual circumstances and business needs.
- To annually review all personnel procedures including recruitment, selection, promotion, training, discipline and grievance, to ensure that they comply with diversity requirements.
- Ensure all staff are aware of this Policy.
- To continue to highlight, through the Staff Induction programme, the Company's commitment to equality and diversity and that if discrimination occurs, immediate action will be taken.

The Company will meet all statutory obligations under relevant legislation (e.g. Equality Act 2010) and, where appropriate, anticipate future legal requirements.

Equality and diversity in the workplace not only allows fairness for all, it also makes good business sense, allowing the most able and talented people to help the business succeed.

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