

Equal Opportunities Policy

Age UK Hammersmith and Fulham to improve the quality of life and enhance the status and influence of older people from Hammersmith and Fulham's diverse communities. In the course of its work, Age UK Hammersmith and Fulham is mostly involved with Age UK organisations or other organisations working with older people, and occasionally with members of the public.

Age UK Hammersmith and Fulham believes that freedom from discrimination and equality of opportunity are fundamental rights and that each person should be valued regardless of age, race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, religion or belief, HIV status, and social class. Age UK Hammersmith and Fulham recognises that discrimination and victimisation is unacceptable and that it is in the interests of the Age UK Hammersmith and Fulham and its employees to utilise the skills of the total workforce. It is the aim of the Company to ensure that no employee or job applicant receives less favourable facilities or treatment (either directly or indirectly) in recruitment or employment on grounds of age, disability, gender / gender reassignment, marriage / civil partnership, pregnancy / maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation (the protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010).

Age UK Hammersmith and Fulham will organise all its activities to ensure that diversity is valued and equality of opportunity promoted. It will develop and promote policies, services and actions that will make a real difference in its role as an employer, in its work with its different user organisations and in its involvement with volunteers and trustees.

Harassment of any kind (specifically in the areas covered by the policy) will be considered a disciplinary offence. Harassment may involve derogatory and discriminatory remarks, ridicule, unwanted physical contact, demands for favours, or physical assault; staff members, volunteers or anyone connected with the organisation could be liable for dismissal for gross misconduct and any trustee or volunteer found to have breached this policy will be asked to resign. Harassment of any kind is breach of this policy; it could be construed as gross misconduct and would be liable to dismissal if the case is proven.

We will ensure all older people, trustees, volunteers, employees and the public are treated fairly and consistently without discrimination.