

## **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy**

Dance Professionals Fund (DPF) is dedicated to encouraging a supportive and inclusive culture amongst the whole work force.

It is within everyone's best interest to promote diversity and eliminate discrimination in the workplace. Our aim is to ensure that all employees, job applicants and volunteers are given equal opportunity and that our organisation is representative of all sectors of society. Each employee, job applicant and volunteer will be respected and valued and able to give their best as a result.

This policy reinforces our commitment to providing equality and fairness to all in our employment and not provide less favourable facilities or treatment on the grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, ethnic origin, colour, nationality, national origin, religion or belief, or sex and sexual orientation.

All employees, no matter whether they are part-time, full-time, or temporary, will be treated fairly and with respect. When DPF selects candidates for employment, promotion, training, or any other benefit, it will be on the basis of aptitude and ability.

All employees will be given help and encouragement to develop their full potential and utilise their unique talents. Therefore, the skills and resources of our organisation will be fully utilised and we will maximise the efficiency of our whole workforce.

DPF commits:

- To create an environment in which individual differences and the contributions of all team members are recognised and valued.
- To create a working environment that promotes dignity and respect for every employee.
- To not tolerate any form of intimidation, bullying, or harassment, and to discipline those that breach this policy.
- To make training, development and progression opportunities available to all staff.
- To promote equality in the workplace, which DPF believes is good management practice and makes sound business sense.
- To encourage anyone who feels they have been subject to discrimination to raise their concerns so we can apply corrective measures.
- To encourage employees to treat everyone with dignity and respect.
- To regularly review all of our employment practices and procedures so that fairness is maintained at all times.

DPF will inform all employees that an equality, diversity and inclusion policy is in operation and that they are obligated to comply with its requirements and promote fairness in the workplace.

The policy will also be drawn to the attention of stakeholders, charities and grant applicants where the same commitment applies.

DPF equality, diversity and inclusion policy is fully supported by management and Board.

Our policy will be monitored and reviewed annually to ensure that equality, diversity and inclusion is continually promoted in the workplace.