

DIVERSITY AND EQUALITY OPPORTUNITIES POLICY

Celtic Contractor Ltd strives to be an equal opportunities employer. This means that it is our company policy that there should be no discrimination, victimisation, bullying or harassment of any employee or job applicant, either directly or indirectly, on the grounds of:

- race, colour, nationality or national or ethnic origin
- sex or marital status
- disability
- sex change status
- sexual orientation
- religion or philosophical belief
- political belief
- age

Celtic Contractors Ltd's policy is to:

- Eliminate and prevent, as far as is reasonably possible, discrimination, victimisation, bullying and harassment in the workplace.
- Encourage all its employees to take a positive active role against all forms of discrimination, victimisation, bullying and harassment.
- Deter employees from participating in discriminatory behaviour, victimisation, bullying or harassment.
- Demonstrate to all employees that they can rely upon the company's full support in cases of discrimination, victimisation, bullying or harassment at work.

The company is fully committed to providing a good, harmonious, and diverse working environment that offers equal treatment and equal opportunities for all employees and one where every employee is treated with respect and dignity. The company's aim is that remuneration, recruitment, promotion, training and retention should not be affected either directly or indirectly by irrelevant considerations such as prejudices or stereotyping.

The company recognises that the provision of equal opportunities in the workplace is not only good management practice; it also makes sound business sense. The company's equal opportunities policy works towards ensuring that all employees develop towards their full potential, and the talents and resources of the workforce will be fully utilised to maximise the efficiency of the organisation.

While the company recognises that the overall responsibility for the effective operation of this policy lies with the Directors, it is incumbent upon all employees, whatever their position within the company, to take responsibility for ensuring its effective implementation in their day-to-day activities and working relationships with colleagues.

Employees should ensure that:

- they co-operate with any measures introduced to develop equal opportunities and diversity in the workplace.
- they respect the sensitivities of others.

- they refrain from taking discriminatory actions or decisions which are contrary to either the letter or spirit of this policy and, for employees of managerial status, that they ensure that those who report to them also comply with the policy.
- they do not instruct, induce, or attempt to induce or pressurise other employees to act in breach of this policy.
- employees who make, or support, complaints in respect of breaches of this policy are not victimised but treated fairly and responsively both when the complaint is made and thereafter.

Breaches of the company's equal opportunities policy and procedures, and any unfair or unlawful discrimination, bullying, victimisation, or harassment will not be tolerated and will be dealt with under the Group's disciplinary procedures. In serious cases, this would lead to dismissal of the relevant individual on the grounds of gross misconduct.

The policy shall also apply to employees of contractors working at the company's premises.

General application of the policy

Recruitment and selection

The selection process is of crucial importance in this policy and must be carried out according to objective job-related criteria, which must be subject to regular review. The effectiveness of the policy will be determined to a great extent by this aspect of employment procedure. The company will endeavour through appropriate training to ensure that employees making selection decisions will not discriminate whether consciously or unconsciously in making these decisions.

Training

Equal opportunities must be integrated into all training concerned with selection skills, staff assessment, counselling, staff development and the management or supervision of staff. The company's policy will form part of the induction training of all staff.

Promotion

It is in the company's interest to provide equal opportunities for promotion to all employees. Managers must continually assess the promotion potential of all employees and all promotion decisions must be made in accordance with objective selection criteria.

Grievances

Employees who believe they have experienced any form of unfair or unlawful discrimination, bullying or harassment should raise their concern through the company's grievance procedure.

Where such grievances may concern the normal line of supervision or management, individuals may approach our health and safety advisor.

Disciplinary process

Where following an investigation it is deemed that there is a case to answer, matters will be dealt with under the company's disciplinary procedure.



Monitoring

The company to review the policy on regular basis at the quarterly IMS meetings.

Communication

This policy must be communicated widely and effectively throughout the workforce and to potential employees. It is the responsibility of management at all levels to ensure that such communication takes place, and that the policy is adhered to.

Jon Whyte

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Whyte', written over the printed name.

Date:

02.08.2023

Managing Director

Celtic Contractors Ltd