



British American Drama Academy Equality Policy

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Equality Policy

The aim of this policy is to communicate the commitment of the Managing Director, Joint Deans and the whole organisation to the promotion of equality of opportunity in The British American Drama Academy.

It is our policy to provide employment equality to all, irrespective of:

- Gender, including gender reassignment
- Marital or civil partnership status
- Having or not having dependents
- Religious belief or political opinion
- Race (including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origins)
- Disability
- Sexual orientation
- Age

We are opposed to all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination. All job applicants, employees, contractors and others who work for BADA will be treated fairly and will not be discriminated against on any of the above grounds. Decisions about recruitment and selection, promotion, training or any other benefit will be made objectively and without unlawful discrimination.

We recognise that the provision of equal opportunities in the workplace is not only good management practice; it also makes sound business sense. Our equal opportunities policy will help all those who work for us to develop their full potential and the talents and resources of the workforce will be utilised fully to maximise the efficiency of the organisation.

To whom does the policy apply?

This Equal Opportunities policy applies to all those who work for (or apply to work for) the British American Drama Academy.

Equality Commitments

We are committed to

- Promoting equality of opportunity for all persons
- Promoting a good and harmonious working environment in which all persons are treated with respect
- Preventing occurrences of unlawful direct discrimination, indirect discrimination, harassment and victimisation
- Fulfilling all our legal obligations under the equality legislation and associated codes of practice
- Complying with our own equal opportunities policy and associated policies
- Taking lawful affirmative or positive action, where appropriate

- Regarding breaches of equal opportunities policy as misconduct which could lead to disciplinary proceedings.

Implementation

The Managing Director has specific responsibility for the effective implementation of this policy. Each member of management also has responsibilities and we expect all our staff and contractors to abide by the policy and help create the equality environment which is its objective.

In order to implement this policy, we shall

- Communicate the policy to employees, contractors, job applicants and relevant others (such as contract or agency workers)
- Incorporate specific and appropriate duties in respect of implementing the equal opportunities policy into job descriptions and work objectives of all staff
- Provide equality training and guidance as appropriate, including training on induction and management courses
- Ensure that those who are involved in assessing candidates for recruitment or promotion will be trained in non-discriminatory selection techniques
- Incorporate equal opportunities notices into general communications where appropriate
- Obtain commitments from other persons or organisations such as subcontractors or agencies that they too will comply with the policy in their dealings with our organisation and our workforce
- Ensure that adequate resources are made available to fulfil the objectives of the policy.

Monitoring and review

The effectiveness of our equal opportunities policy will be reviewed regularly and action taken as necessary. For example, where monitoring identifies an under-representation of a particular group or groups, we shall develop an action plan to address the balance.

Complaints

Staff members or contractors who believe that they have suffered any form of discrimination, harassment or victimisation are entitled to raise the matter through BADA's Grievance Procedure also found within this handbook. All complaints of discrimination will be dealt with seriously, promptly and confidentially.

In addition to our internal procedures, staff members and contractors have the right to pursue complaints of discrimination to an industrial tribunal or the Fair Employment Tribunal.

However, staff members or contractors wishing to make a complaint to a tribunal will normally be required to raise their complaint under BADA's internal grievance procedures first.

Every effort will be made to ensure that staff members or contractors who make complaints will not be victimised. Victimisation will result in disciplinary action and may warrant dismissal.

