



Up n' Away

Equality and Diversity policy

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Signed: B Cohen

Statement of intent

Up 'N' Away takes great care to treat each individual as a person in their own right, with equal rights and responsibilities to any other individual, whether they are an adult or child. Discrimination on the grounds of gender, race, religion, colour, creed, marital status, ethnic or national origin, or political belief, has no place within the organisation. Should any person believe that this policy is not being totally complied with, it is their duty to bring the matter to the attention of the co-ordinator.

Up 'N' Away and its staff are committed to:

- 1 Encouraging positive role models, displayed through toys, imaginary play and activities that promote non-stereotyped images. Activities will be selected to promote such images of men and women, boys and girls.
- 2 Encouraging every child to join in activities, i.e. dressing up, shop, home corner, dolls, climbing on large apparatus, bikes, etc. and providing alternative activities for those with SEN.
- 3 Regularly review childcare practice to ensure the policy is effective

Up 'N' Away aims to ensure that individuals are recruited, selected, trained and promoted on the basis of occupational skill requirements. In this respect, the organisation will ensure that no job applicant or employee will receive less favourable treatment on the grounds of age, gender, marital status, race, religion, colour, cultural or national origin or sexuality, which cannot be justified as being necessary for the safe and effective performance of their work or training.

Service Provision

No child or young person will be discriminated against on the grounds of gender, race, religion, colour or creed. Those designated disabled or disadvantaged will be offered a place, taking into account their individual circumstances and the organisation will provide the necessary standard of care.

Up 'N' Away strives to ensure that all services and projects are accessible and relevant to all groups and individuals in the community within targeted age groups.

We strive to promote equal access to services and projects by taking practical steps such as ensuring access to disabled people and producing material in relevant languages and media.

Recruitment

Up 'N' Away recruitment procedure ensures that the staff levels reflect the community it serves. All vacancies are advertised as widely as budgets allow. Adverts will include the following statement:

"Up 'N' Away - striving towards equal opportunity"

Every effort will be made to ensure a representative balance on the selection group and all members of the group will be committed to equal opportunities practice as set out in this policy.

Application forms will not include questions which potentially discriminate against the grounds specified in the Statement of Intent.

At interview no questions will be posed which potentially discriminate against the grounds specified in the Statement of Intent. At interview all candidates will be asked the same questions, and members of the selection group will not introduce nor use any personal knowledge of candidates acquired outside the selection process.

Candidates will be given the opportunity to discuss the reasons why they were not successful.

Staff

All staff are expected to co-operate with the implementation, monitoring and improvement of this and other policies. All staff are expected to challenge language, actions, behaviours and attitudes which are oppressive or discriminatory on the ground as specified in the Statement of Intent.

All staff are expected to participate in equal opportunities training.

Training

Up 'N' Away recognises the importance of training as a key factor in the implementation of an effective equal opportunity policy.

The organisation strives towards the provision of equal opportunity training for all staff.