

BARTON VILLAGE HALL EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICY

Barton Village Hall Committee recognise that everyone has a contribution to make to our society and a right to equal treatment. We aim to ensure that no job applicant, committee member, volunteer, organization or individual to whom we provide services, will be discriminated against by us on any unfair grounds whatsoever.

We aim to foster awareness of prejudices in all who work for and with the Village Hall Committee, and we aim to encourage the removal of such prejudices.

We also aim to ensure that committee members, volunteers and staff working with individuals and with organisations for which Barton Village Hall Committee provides services do not suffer discrimination, and where this occurs, the Committee commits itself to taking positive action against such discrimination.

Barton Village Hall Committee is committed to:

- **Addressing positively opportunities for full participation within the organisation**
- **Adopting an effective system to monitor its practice with regard to ensuring equality of opportunity**
- **Promoting good practice with regard to equality of opportunity for organisations and individuals involved in the work of the Barton Village Hall Committee.**
- **Work to ensure that all its services are provided in a way that promotes awareness of the rights and needs of people from minority groups and enables all people to have access to those services.**
- **Work to ensure that our running of the Committee reflects a range of needs and interests that encompass people who may otherwise be disadvantaged.**

The policy of the Barton Village Hall Committee is to ensure that no person receives less favourable consideration than others in the selection and appointment of staff or in the recruitment of volunteers. Acceptance of the Committee's Equal Opportunities Policy is a condition of Committee Membership.

Service Provision

Barton Village Hall Committee will take positive action to ensure its services to, and contacts with, other groups and individuals reflect this Equal Opportunities Policy. This will be effected by:

- **Consulting with groups and individuals with special requirements to identify how the Committee's services may be improved to meet their needs**

- **Ensuring that all individuals who represent the Committee are aware of, understand and operate this Equal Opportunities Policy.**

Committee Responsibilities

Barton Village Hall Committee will:

- **Be responsible for the implementation and monitoring of this Equal Opportunities Policy**
- **Ensure that all individuals with the Village Hall organisation, whether paid or unpaid, clearly understand and practise the principles contained in this Policy.**
- **Will not victimise anyone who has provided information about discrimination**

Volunteers/User's Responsibilities

All volunteers of the Barton Village Hall Committee and users of its services will:

- **be required to co-operate with measurers introduced by the Committee to ensure and promote equal opportunities**
- **will neither practise any form of discrimination nor use discriminatory language**
- **will draw to the attention Committee any suspected acts of discrimination**
- **will not victimise anyone who has provided information about discrimination.**

Review

The Equal Opportunities Policy will be reviewed in January of each year.

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