



TayPlay Activity Camps

Equality & Diversity Policy

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Legislation and relevant guidance:

TayPlay Activity Camps are committed to ensuring that policies and procedures remain up to date and are reflective of current legislation and guidance.

Introduction

This policy reflects the provisions of the Equality Act 2010 which became law on 1st October 2010. The Act harmonises, simplifies, and replaces previous equalities legislation such as Race Relations Act 1976 & Disability Discrimination Act 1995 into one Act. This policy also reflects the relevant requirements within A Code for Sports Governance.

TayPlay is committed to ensuring that we are a company which is inclusive and welcoming of diversity. We wish to ensure that everyone has a genuine and equal opportunity to participate in activities at all levels and in all roles.

We aim to create an environment in which all individuals can make the best use of their skills, free from discrimination or harassment, and in which all decisions are based on merit. TayPlay is committed to avoiding unlawful discrimination in all areas of its work and development and this policy is intended to assist the organisation, and all those connected with it, to put this commitment into practice.

This policy applies to all TayPlay employees, volunteers, etc. connected with TayPlay, who for the purposes of this policy are referred to as 'individuals'. This also includes those who attend TayPlay Holiday Camps.

Equality is about making sure people are treated fairly and with respect, it is not about treating everyone in the same way

Diversity is about recognising, valuing, and welcoming difference and acknowledging that individuals have different needs which can be met in different ways

TayPlay will ensure that relevant amendments to equality legislation will be immediately incorporated into all aspects of its work regardless of the review timescale of this Policy.

Principles

Statement of Intent TayPlay:

- wishes to act as an exemplar for equality and diversity within its sphere of influence, in doing so it commits to promoting positive and inclusive practice within the organisation and with partners
- will ensure that responsibility and accountability for equality is placed at the most senior levels within the organisation, the Chief Executive has overall responsibility and accountability for the effective implementation of this policy
- all reasonable steps will be taken to ensure that employees, volunteers, etc. are committed to this policy
- will ensure that no job applicant or employee receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of any protected characteristic
- will work to ensure that there will be open access to all those who wish to participate in the activity and that they are treated fairly



- is committed to ensuring that all individuals can conduct their related activities free from bullying and harassment
- is committed to sports equality which is about:
 - fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising differences and taking steps to meet them
 - changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to all members of society
 - making sure all individuals can realise their talent and fulfil their potential
 - an individual's responsibility to challenge discriminatory practice and promote inclusion

Discrimination

Discrimination can present itself in different guises including verbal, physical or online and Under the Equality Act types of discrimination are classified as follows:

Direct Discrimination

Direct discrimination occurs when someone is treated less favourably than another person:

- because of a protected characteristic they have OR
- because of a protected characteristic they are thought to have
- because they associate with someone who has a protected characteristic

Indirect Discrimination

Indirect discrimination can occur when there is a condition, rule or practice which applies to everyone but particularly disadvantages people who share a protected characteristic. Indirect discrimination can be justified if the action(s) undertaken are reasonable to achieve a legitimate aim.

Discrimination by Association

Discrimination by association is direct discrimination against someone because they associate with another person who possesses a protected characteristic.

Discrimination by Perception

Perception discrimination is direct discrimination against an individual because others think they possess a particular protected characteristic, even if they don't actually possess it or if the perception was mistaken

Harassment

Harassment is defined as 'unwanted conduct related to a relevant protected characteristic which has the purpose or effect of violating an individual's dignity or creating an intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment for that individual'



Harassment applies to all protected characteristics except for pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership. It also covers harassment because of 'perception'

It also includes the right for individuals to raise an issue that they find offensive even if it is not directed at them.

Third Party Harassment

Third party harassment relates to actions carried out by non TayPlay individuals such as customers. TayPlay will investigate any report or complaint of third-party harassment and will take all reasonable steps to prevent it from happening again.

Victimisation

Victimisation is illegal and is when an employee is treated badly because they have made or supported a complaint/grievance about discrimination or harassment under the Equality Act, or are suspected of either making or supporting such a complaint/grievance

An individual is not protected from victimisation if he/she acted maliciously, or made or supported an untrue complaint

Implementation –TayPlay's Responsibilities

TayPlay will ensure that this policy is an integral part of the recruitment, induction and on-going training for all employees

TayPlay will assign the Head of HR to monitor staff recruitment and employment practices to ensure that they are non-discriminatory; one such method will be to monitor equality and diversity data collected at the recruitment stage and also on the workforce, in order to be in a position to make recommendations for any corrective or positive action

TayPlay will consider making 'reasonable adjustments' in the provision of employment, goods and services, to overcome barriers caused by disability. The duty to make reasonable adjustments includes the removal, adaptation or alternation of physical features, and/or any practice/process which may impede people with disabilities. Full consideration will be given to the request for reasonable adjustments which will be accommodated wherever possible

TayPlay will encourage all relating associations to adopt this Policy and reference it in their constitutions, also to abide by the principles and spirit of the policy in everything that they do

TayPlay is committed to providing appropriate learning and development opportunities



Implementation – Manager’s Responsibilities

All managers are required to set an appropriate standard of behaviour, lead by example and ensure that those they manage adhere to this policy and promote TayPlay’s aims and objectives with regards to equality and diversity

Implementation - Individual’s Responsibilities

Individuals must not discriminate against or harass any other individual in the course of their duties and are required to assist TayPlay to meet its commitment to this policy.

Individuals can be held personally liable, as well as TayPlay, or instead of, for any act of unlawful discrimination. Individuals who commit serious acts of harassment may be guilty of a criminal offence as well as gross misconduct.

Positive Action

TayPlay may take positive action in the form of proportionate measures to encourage or train people from under-represented groups to play, apply for paid and voluntary roles within the company and overcome a perceived disadvantage or meet specific needs based on a protected characteristic

Breaches of This Policy

Acts of discrimination, harassment, bullying, or victimisation are disciplinary offences and will be investigated under the appropriate Disciplinary Procedure. Children, Staff Members and Volunteers - If proven such acts may be considered as gross misconduct which could lead to summary dismissal or suspension from activities. TayPlay takes a strict approach to serious breaches of this policy by anyone within the company.

Grievances

If employees or volunteers wish to make a complaint about a breach of this policy, they should follow the Grievance Procedure. If their complaint is related to bullying and harassment employees are advised to read the complaints and whistleblowing policy for guidance/information prior to submitting a grievance.