

Beeston u3a Equality and Diversity policy

June 2022



Statement

Beeston u3a is a learning co-operative and membership charity which enables members in their third age to share educational, creative and leisure activities. Members of each u3a draw upon their knowledge, skills and experience to teach and learn from each other (peer to peer learning). Beeston u3a recognise that some people are particularly likely to experience discrimination and harassment and are committed to making sure that the u3a is as inclusive and welcoming as possible.

Aims of this policy

This policy has been drawn up to comply with the Equality Act 2010. The Act stipulates that organisations cannot treat someone unfairly on the basis of what it calls 'protected characteristics', which are:

- ethnic origin, nationality (or statelessness) or race
- age
- disability
- religion or belief (including the absence of belief)
- marital or civil partnership status
- sexual orientation
- pregnancy
- gender reassignment
- political belief

Beeston u3a will strive to ensure that members do not experience discrimination on the basis of their protected characteristics.

This will include ensuring equal access to groups and challenging any discriminatory behaviour across our membership including individual members, Group Facilitators and Committee members.

The Equality Act highlights that organisations need to consider what 'reasonable adjustments' can be made in order to accommodate those who may have particular needs.

Beeston u3a Committee will review the reasonable adjustments needed for all members and individual members with particular needs on an ongoing basis. Where necessary, the Committee will seek guidance and additional support from the u3a Plus sub-committee and/or National Office.

To offer equality of access we will endeavour to run appropriate aspects of Beeston u3a in a hybrid form using the wide range of communications available to us.

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