

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY POLICY INFORMATION FOR JOB APPLICANTS

Our Principle Commitments

Clean Break is an equal opportunities employer. We oppose all forms of discrimination and believe that all people, regardless of their identity or membership of any group, deserve to be treated equally, consistently and fairly.

We aspire to deliver consistently good practice and to set a high standard of equal opportunities within our service delivery; employment and volunteering; Board and advisory group structures; building and physical access and with the partnerships we forge.

In the case of Clean Break itself, we work with women who have personal experience of the criminal justice system and those at risk of offending as a result of their mental health distress and/or drug/alcohol use. In light of this, we employ only women to deliver our services in accordance with our exemption under The Equality Act 2010, Part 1, Schedule 9.

We recognise that many women are excluded from areas of society (such as employment, services, education) because of society's prejudice and discrimination. Women experience additional discrimination on the grounds of their race, colour, ethnic or national origins, gender, gender reassignment, disability, sexuality (the legislation uses the term "sexual orientation" but this policy will use the term "sexuality" instead), age, political beliefs, religious beliefs, trade union membership, economic status or class, offending background, marital status or family circumstances. As a Company, our particular priority is working with women who have experience of the criminal justice system and those at risk of offending as a result of their mental health distress and/or drug/alcohol use.

Within the parameters of the Company's mission, we are committed to being an inclusive organisation which reflects and values the diversity of the women that we work with. We recognise the significant benefits to the Company of working with a diverse team of women. We actively seek the creativity, excellence and different

perspectives that individuals of all backgrounds and abilities bring to our work, which is enriched through collective experiences.

We strive to embrace and celebrate a broad definition of diversity within the framework of existing legislation, and to define and prioritise specific actions for improvement and training needed within our organisation. Clean Break is committed to consulting with women beneficiaries (our Members) in relation to new policy development, actions and activities. We will bring new policies and policy revisions to our Members for discussion and set up forums, where appropriate, to consult on particular actions and activities.