



# Equal Opportunities Policy

**'Equal opportunity is about celebrating difference and diversity and as such providing an environment that can respond to this in a proactive and positive manner'.**

Survive and Save Training Ltd is totally committed to the principles and practice of equal opportunities across all of its courses, both as an employer, provider and as a facilitator of such practices by all its members. In our work with key partners, such as swimmers, clubs, businesses, teachers, coaches and administrators, we will advocate our policies make every effort to ensure that all participation has equity at its core.

- Survive and Save Training Ltd is committed to work towards ensuring that its programme of courses is accessible to the many, rather than the few.
- We recognise the need to acknowledge the diversity of provision that is required to ensure that all people, regardless of their race, sex/gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, social or economic background can access courses and develop at a level that is appropriate to them.
- We recognise the need to celebrate difference and diversity of provision as a means of creating entitlement and accessibility to our structures.
- We recognise that equal opportunity is about knowing people are different and therefore require different provision.
- We recognise the need to consult widely in order to respond to diversity.

## **Addressing equal opportunities**

In addressing equal opportunities, Survive and Save Training Ltd will respond to issues of equity by:

- Recognising that our staff, tutors, teachers, officials and administrators need to adapt and work flexibly in order to respond to the needs of a wide and diverse range of people.
- Take positive action to increase the involvement from underrepresented groups in all aspects of our organisation.

In doing so Survive and Save Training Ltd supports four key principles as being fundamental to ensuring that everyone can participate in our courses and the achievement of equality of opportunity:

**Entitlement:** People have a right to participate in and access quality and appropriate experiences.

**Accessibility:** It is the responsibility of Survive and Save Training Ltd - our teachers, tutors, officials and administrators to adapt provision to fit the needs of the many.

**Inclusion:** Wherever and whenever possible, all to access the same provision.

**Integrity:** Whatever we do as an Association to change or adapt provision, it must be of equal worth, challenging, relevant and in no way patronising.



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## **Survive and Save Training Ltd as an employer**

The company aspires to provide a diverse workforce, a composition of which reflects that of the broader community in terms of gender, ethnicity and disability. In order to bring about this diversity we undertake to:

- Provide full and fair considerations for all job/role and applications.
- Assist all our employees to realise their full potential by ensuring that they receive fair consideration of their training and career development needs and promotion opportunities.
- Wherever possible modify employment practices and procedures to reduce barriers experienced by members of disadvantaged social groups in seeking and during employment with the company.
- Maintain records in recruitment, training and employment and use this information as a means of identifying areas of inequality.
- Require all our employees to undergo relevant training before taking part in recruitment and selection.
- Regularly review our recruitment, selection, training and promotion procedures to ensure that they are fair and reflect current best practice.

## **Tutors and Teachers**

In our training and development of candidates, we will strive to ensure that they:

- Establish and implement professional and ethical values and practice.
- Promote and apply the principles and practices of equal opportunities.
- Promote positive images of people with special needs.
- Have a commitment to providing entitlement and access to all their professional activities.
- Encourage high expectations and standards of achievement from all they teach.
- Involve everyone in meaningful and appropriate activity to ensure a quality experience.
- Help everyone to achieve their full potential.

## **Officials and administrators**

In our involvement of officials and administrators we will expect them to:

- Adopt, promote and practice the values of the company.
- Ensure that participation can be enjoyed by all.
- Provide meaningful and appropriate experiences which recognise and value the diversity of the participants.
- Actively encourage the participation and involvement of people from disadvantaged groups of the community.

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