



### **Equal Opportunities Policy Statement Of Intent:**

*The Staines Park Residents Association fully accepts and welcomes that society consists of many diverse groups and individuals and this diversity is an asset to the community, we also recognise that certain groups and individuals are discriminated against and we are opposed to this. We recognise that we have a moral and legal responsibility to promote equal opportunities and we will pursue equality in all of our work.*

### **Staines Park Residents Association Equal Opportunities Policy:**

This document has been prepared to set out the Staines Park Resident Association's commitment and as a statement of its intent. The Policy will be reviewed annually to ensure effective implementation.

Staines Park Resident Association is an Equal Opportunities Organisation. It is committed to the development of policies to provide for equality of opportunity in all aspects of its work. We will work to ensure that all our services are provided in a way that promotes awareness of the rights and needs of people from minority groups and enables all people to access to them.

Staines Park Resident Association will take whatever steps are necessary including, if appropriate, use of the disciplinary mechanisms laid out in the code of conduct, to enforce the Policy. In addition, anyone connected to our organisation, member, helper, or volunteer who considers that he/she is suffering from unequal treatment on any grounds may use this policy to bring it to the committee's attention for action.

The Management Committee will bring to the attention of all members, staff and volunteers the provisions of the policy and will provide such training as is necessary to ensure the effective implementation of the Policy.

The Management Committee shall have responsibility for the operation of the Policy. However, all staff, volunteers and members have a duty to do everything they can to ensure that the Policy operates in practice.

### **Staines Park Residents Association Equal Opportunities Code of Conduct (see also our Code of Conduct):**

- People will be treated with dignity and respect regardless of race, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion or age.
- At all times people's feelings will be valued and respected. Language or humour that people find offensive will not be used, e.g. sexist or racist jokes or terminology that is deemed derogatory.
- No one will be harassed, abused, excluded or intimidated on the grounds of their race, sex, age, nationality, disability, religion or sexual orientation.
- Foul, insulting, abusive or racist remarks will not be tolerated from anyone associated with the organisation and behaviour of this type may lead to expulsion from the organisation. Incidents of harassment will be taken seriously. If the matter cannot be resolved by way of an acceptable apology and an undertaking that the offence will not be repeated, the following action will be taken:
  1. The person in question will be requested to attend a meeting of the full Management Committee to explain their actions
  2. In the case of a helper/volunteer, action may be taken as appropriate and if deemed necessary their involvement with the organisation may cease.
  3. In a case involving a member of the organisation, membership to the organisation may be withdrawn.

Any directly involved person has the right to appeal against a decision made by the management committee who will consider that appeal before a decision is made and that decision will be final.