# West Nottinghamshire College Inclusive Recruitment Pledge

At West Nottinghamshire College, we champion diversity and inclusion for innovation, creativity, and success. Our Inclusive Recruitment Pledge outlines our commitment to creating a workforce that mirrors our community's diversity. Here's our pledge:

# Embracing Diversity:

We value and celebrate the unique backgrounds, perspectives, and talents of each individual. Actively seeking candidates from diverse ethnicities, genders, ages, abilities, religions, sexual orientations, and backgrounds by...

- Actively promoting diversity in recruitment materials.
- Attending career fairs at diverse universities or community events.
- Establishing partnerships with organisations promoting diversity in education.

#### **Eliminating Bias:**

We are dedicated to eradicating bias in our recruitment process. Regularly reviewing and updating procedures to ensure fairness and equal opportunities for all applicants by...

- Providing regular training for staff involved in the recruitment process.
- Implementing blind recruitment practices, removing personal information from initial application reviews.
- Regularly reviewing recruitment procedures for potential biases.

#### Accessibility for All:

Our recruitment process is designed for everyone. We make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunities for showcasing skills and potential. Continuously reviewing processes for accessibility and:

- Ensuring job advertisements are accessible to individuals with disabilities.
- Providing clear information about the application process, including accommodations.
- Offering alternative formats for application materials.
- Conducting accessibility audits of recruitment events and materials.

#### Creating an Inclusive Environment:

WNC strives for a workplace where every employee aligns with our values. Commitment to diversity extends beyond recruitment to fostering an inclusive environment where everyone thrives.

- We foster an inclusive culture through diversity and inclusion training for all staff.
- We celebrate cultural awareness days and events.
- We establish employee resource groups to support different communities.
- We have implemented policies that promote a respectful and collaborative work environment.

# Diverse Hiring Panels:

Ensuring varied perspectives by including individuals from diverse backgrounds in hiring panels. This approach minimises unconscious biases and ensures a fair evaluation of candidates.

- We actively seek diverse representation on hiring panels.
- We provide training for hiring panel members on recognising and mitigating biases.
- We rotate panel members to ensure ongoing diversity.

# Outreach and Partnerships:

WNC actively engages with diverse communities and organisations to broaden our outreach and attract a diverse talent pool. We are establishing partnerships reflecting our commitment to inclusivity by:

- Collaborating with local community organisations to expand outreach.
- Establishing partnerships with organisations that support underrepresented groups.
- Hosting information sessions and workshops in diverse communities.

#### Continuous Learning:

By acknowledging that building an inclusive workplace is an ongoing journey. We have committed to providing training and resources for our team members to deepen their understanding of diversity and inclusion issues:

- We integrate diversity and inclusion topics into staff development programs.
- We offer workshops, seminars, and webinars on diversity and inclusion.
- We encourage ongoing self-directed learning through resources and recommended readings.

### Transparent Communication:

We pledge to ...

- Provide clear and timely communication at every stage of the recruitment process.
- We offer constructive feedback to candidates, focusing on professional growth.

With this Inclusive Recruitment Pledge, we aim to not only foster diversity but also create an inclusive workplace where every individual can reach their full potential. Join us on this journey towards a more inclusive future.

