THE ADVOCACY ACADEMY EDI RECRUITMENT FRAMEWORK

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Statement

The Advocacy Academy is committed to promoting equitable opportunities and an equitable working environment for all its people.

Beyond diversity, we actively encourage equity, fairness, and justice in all its forms across the organisation. Justice is at the core of our beliefs and is a core component in all we strive to do. Our goal is for The Advocacy Academy to be truly representative of all sections of society (especially oppressed and marginalised groups) and further for all those who interact with our work to feel celebrated, respected and enabled to be present in whatever manner they see fit. Our goal is to create a work environment that is open to individuals from different cultures, with different perspectives and experiences of injustice.

The Advocacy Academy commits to:

- Treating all employees, job applicants and volunteers fairly and equitably.
- Offering services fairly to all people, ensuring that anyone in contact with The Advocacy Academy is treated with respect
- Supporting employees with disabilities to access financial support from the "Access to work" scheme and making all reasonable adjustments. We happily facilitate Access to Work assessments and reclaims, and we encourage job applicants who would need this to apply for our jobs
- Supporting employees to recognise cultural and religious holidays
- Ensuring that our environment is one where all people are valued and respected and creating spaces for feedback and discussion on how we can improve on current provisions
- Ensuring mechanisms are in place for responding to complaints of discrimination and harassment from our staff, our volunteers and our alumni.
- Making our equitable opportunity policy known to all our staff, job applicants, our volunteers and our membership
- Complying with the Equality Act 2010.

The Advocacy Academy will make opportunities for training and development available to all staff to help them understand their responsibility towards supporting the organisation to achieve a safe environment for all, where all are encouraged to develop their full potentials, so their talents and resources can be fully utilised for their development and the growth of our movement.

Bullying, Harassment and unlawful discrimination

The Advocacy Academy will actively work to create an environment free of bullying, harassment, victimisation and unlawful discrimination, promoting transparency, dignity and respect for all, and where individual differences and the contributions of all staff are recognised and valued.

Our commitment includes training our managers and all other employees about their rights and responsibilities under our equitable opportunity policy and Equality Act 2010. Responsibilities include staff support to help the organisation provide equitable opportunities in employment, and preventing bullying, harassment, victimisation and unlawful discrimination.

We also encourage our staff to understand that they, as well as The Advocacy Academy, can be held liable for acts of bullying, harassment, victimisation and unlawful discrimination, in the course of their employment, against fellow employees, young people, alumni, suppliers and the public.

The Advocacy Academy understands that complaints of bullying, harassment, victimisation and unlawful discrimination by fellow employees, volunteers, alumni, suppliers and the public and any others in the course of the organisation's activities should not be taken lightly. Due to this, such acts are classified as misconduct under the organisation's grievance and/or disciplinary procedures, and appropriate action will be explored after communication with all parties involved. Particularly, serious complaints could amount to gross misconduct and lead to dismissal without notice.

Further, we recognise that sexual harassment may amount to both an employment rights matter and a criminal matter, such as sexual assault allegations. In addition, harassment under the Protection from Harassment Act 1997 – which is not limited to circumstances where harassment relates to a protected characteristic – is a criminal offence.

Recruitment

A core part of enacting this work is how we recruit and induct our staff members. We have a strategic commitment to conducting a recruitment system that is equitable and inclusive. We encourage applications from black, brown and other racialised communities, those who identify as LGBTQIA, working class as well as disabled people, those living with mental health conditions, refugees and migrants, and all communities who have faced injustice and oppression.

RECRUITMENT DOCUMENTS

	Name	Links To Draft Templates
1	Recruitment Checklist	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cuHIPgGHBA5O2IV0GH MrMKr8_cCnnB4a/edit#
2	Candidate Form	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HvRRCd21DUN7QdMPY 5ij78knmEVevoWB/edit#
	JD AD Pack	https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1qymynqLhN7xwaP VaibBe8O9O7G41ZW-D
3	Standardised Internal JD Template	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CbvyuPzh_86yDjcksxSA AaQlk8v6xhvR/edit
4	Payroll Form	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1b20jFSN9qxzqwdYlwJFg _UdrYSWtSuj7/edit#
5	Recruitment Email Template	https://docs.google.com/document/d/16AvYncOtkcF-V0dUbUe wftS4Cu8SWBbI5mcQvJVcPjU/edit

6	Buddy Support Call Guide	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1946s3yKr7x9ZBas725HV wQoK6fUWw7Ep/edit#
7	Interview Briefing	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UVsD3JeODU8mUHMR hD-CB5klteEYJINAEuJQptvHcGY/edit
8	Interview Questions Template To synchronise questions with TAA objectives, levels, and roles and the feedback, it will be encouraged that when questions are being revised ahead of interviews, the feedback form be used as a guide.	https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vLu59E6J7tUG6Cyge E9nqaGjyjb6tYpuA4IR-2iQK_A/edit#gid=0
9	Interview Feedback From ** by role/level matrix like you requested - checked	Old one: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13ej-JMYbpydNfZYIa1gTivvKQ HTyrE6boOzqBfWdqQ4/edit L1 & 2: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tj-ItVWgv94iiocb4v7uwT-kDL A_RTOxFOYoC9NKjFY/edit Lead role (L3 &4): https://docs.google.com/forms/d/187N7E5TSmjLagg3XjpNE6eO CnCQVuhEuuCggSrDD67w/edit Senior management (L5, 6 & 7): https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1zLeow_L4pSid2Ypkko4ztEb4 4oYEkib6hoe1IXIzDao/edit SLT (L8 & 9): h ttps://docs.google.com/forms/d/10gWtfmngz6oOWWtkl4JkaT3 17sQTNqndWdO0_QpAJ9s/edit
10	Candidate Experience Feedback Form titled "TAA tell us how we did" form - checked	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Sp4QlcTA0VU1acHBJqs2Enq Gj29WjJxSCTSLFA06Cr0/edit

11	Reference Request Form - checked	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kfRrwcNhUqBI4S0HOu0 jAun_UxHcy_n5/edit
12	New Starter DBS Guidelines	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_Q3EaIFaCvN1AZU5w2k 6bWsGnX825yGBIHAd2tV56aQ/edit
13	TAA Induction Schedule Template ** By Levels: old template will be adjusted as at when applicable to reflect the steps detailed in the "orientation & induction checklist" below.	https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/12wxEMkJM19_thT YL8QhUqOAeCk5RAm5K
14	TAA Buddy Guidelines	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NDZU-JH4EuoN1X9zEPb KH-Hb6RJsq-62/edit#
15	Orientation & induction Checklist	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HOcFQ6gMh2iOjhdI3Jb qtk2wGohizzVa9w0SBRnje4w/edit
16	Equipment Form	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Qr3h1iyZDZsSLHrZChCY 1O8qeMLZH6b7/edit
17	HR Induction Slide	https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1eLJarup0mO_bFP9bfj 2KKSMNntTvz55G/edit#slide=id.g15ea06d666b_1_706
18	Induction Feedback Survey - Checked **This form should be filled at the end of probationary review/as part of probationary review. It should be reviewed regularly (quarterly) and feedback should be used to improve the process	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hEcp0FyAY3T6PJ6roNcjyz7P Mr9pEVxoQKBf8hHQfcQ/edit
19	Line Management Guide	https://form.jotform.com/232693081949366

20	Offboarding Checklist - Checked	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_RCULQuIHzKCvJoIgODT MQBccJXq128eKxC_NLIT7dw/edit
21	Exit Interview - Checked **Main form is in a google form format- the word doc is for review purpose alone due to confidentiality	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Zwz8VienruhaXtABMQz OsRuHBHNHKAeCDTfCbD_fO8A/edit
22	Tech return form - Amarah	https://eu.jotform.com/build/232693081949366?iak=4ab008d3 50a1d6f328e2d2522b2ae93b-33e5cefd4ceb3f32