



# EQUALITY IMPACT REPORT

2023-2024

# 1. Introduction

Coleg Cambria is dedicated to being a fully inclusive college, where equality and diversity are holistically embedded throughout our services. We strive to create a Coleg Cambria that is inclusive, supportive, equitable, kind, safe and understanding. At Coleg Cambria we are committed to liberating communities that experience marginalisation in society by identifying and removing barriers that are stopping them from equitably thriving. The college is committed to ensuring that our equality, diversity and inclusion approach is underpinned by an intersectional and collective approach. We recognise that many groups and people experience discrimination in society because of their identity. We take a person centred approach to addressing discrimination in all forms, and want to support and value every member of our community regardless of their identity, characteristics, or whatever makes them, themselves. All members of the Coleg Cambria community are expected to treat each other with respect, dignity and kindness. In recent years we have developed a new approach to equality and diversity by auditing our current status and widening the reach and prevalence of EDI throughout the college. We have made significant progress in enhancing equality, diversity and inclusion within our college, however we are continually improving. We will continue to be proactive towards equality, diversity and inclusion, and create a Coleg Cambria where everyone is valued and liberated.

As we strive to improve our equality, diversity and inclusion provision at our organisation, we want to focus on the impact that this has on our community. This Equality Impact Report will review the development we have made under our equality objectives, but also the impact we have made to improving equality at Coleg Cambria. It will also publish our Equality Action Plan that shows the actions we will undertake over the next 12 months to uphold our equality objectives.

## About Coleg Cambria

Coleg Cambria has rapidly established itself as a leading UK education provider. The overriding priority of the College is to deliver excellent teaching and learning, in order to stretch, challenge and inspire all learners to explore and achieve their full potential. One of the largest colleges in the UK, Coleg Cambria has 6,300 full-time students and 6,500 part-time learners. Across its six sites, Cambria offers a vast array of full-time and part-time courses including A-Levels, vocational qualifications, Welsh for Adults and Higher Education programmes. Working in partnership with over 1,000 employers, the College also offers many Apprenticeship and Traineeship opportunities with strong links to local employment.



# 1. Introduction

## The Law

The Equality Act 2010 introduces a single Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED). The Act prohibits discrimination in employment, education and the provision of goods and services in respect of nine 'protected characteristics' which are as follows:

Age, Disability, Gender Reassignment, Marriage or Civil Partnership, Pregnancy or Maternity, Race or Ethnicity, Religion or Belief, Sex, Sexual Orientation.

The Public Sector Equality Duty states we must have due regard for the need to:

- **eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation** and other conduct prohibited by the Act
- **advance equality of opportunity** between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not
- **foster good relations** between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not

Meeting the duty will involve treating people according to their individual need, as long as this does not contravene other provisions within the Act. 'Equality' does not therefore simply mean treating everyone the same. It means understanding and tackling the different barriers to equal opportunities that different people face so that everyone has a fair chance to fulfil their potential. The overall aim of the equality duty is to ensure that equality is mainstreamed into the College's work, and that this in turn should result in more appropriately delivered services and outcomes, taking into account individual backgrounds.

## Equality & Diversity at Coleg Cambria

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion is a shared responsibility across Coleg Cambria. We all have an understanding and duty to uphold equality and diversity to create a truly inclusive college for all. To create an inclusive college culture, we have established structures, policies and processes to ensure that discrimination, harassment and victimisation are eradicated, that equality of opportunity is promoted, and that we foster good relations between our community.

Every aspect of our organisation from staff, to learners, to governors, to stakeholders should understand our commitment and approach to equality, diversity and inclusion. All of our Coleg Cambria community will represent our inclusive nature.

The Corporation (Board of Governors) recognises their responsibility for Equality and Diversity and delegates to the Chief Executive overall responsibility for ensuring that legal and policy obligations are met. The Annual Equality and Diversity report represented to the Governors serves as an important monitoring tool as well as ensuring accountability.

The Deputy Chief Executive (People Experience and Culture) chairs the Equality & Diversity Committee that has a membership drawn from across the College. This group has the responsibility to:

- Review and advise on Equality & Diversity policies
- Scrutinise and monitor the progress on Equality objectives
- Comment on initiatives relating to the promotion of Equality and Diversity

In addition, there are a range of focus groups, which play an important role in assisting the College to achieve an inclusive culture. Additionally, the College has its own dedicated Equality and Diversity Coordinator whose job is to provide advice and support as well as to set plans and monitor progress.

## 2. Equality Mission and Values

At Coleg Cambria we are striving to be one of the most proactive college's in the UK for equality, diversity and inclusion. We want to be known for our inclusive approach, and take pride in how we can remove barriers and create an equitable environment for all. We have developed our overall mission to steer all of our EDI work.

**Equality Mission:** To make insightful and proactive change to become a fully inclusive college culturally, emotionally, environmentally and educationally.

Our Strategic Equality Plan has been constructed through our underlying principles and values in our approach to EDI. These values inform how we develop, monitor and implement our objectives.

### Equality Values:

#### Intersectional and Collective

Our vision spearheads an intersectional and person centred approach. We will create a community where everyone is valued, and where we understand the plethora of ways in which characteristics make up a whole identity. Using an intersectional lens we see how identities intersect and interact to create unique experiences of oppression. We will ensure that we take a collective approach to tackling discrimination, where communities can work together to create an environment where all people feel safe, supported, and included.

#### Emotionally and Culturally Intelligent

We are proud of our in-depth understanding of how experience and identity impact on people. We will ensure that all our services, offering and approaches are informed by awareness of the impact of experience on how people can access these. We utilise a trauma informed and culturally competent approach to ensure that everyone has fair access to truly benefit from all we do.

#### Knowledgeable and Insightful

It is essential that all of our equality work is informed by knowledge, awareness and insight into the communities that it most affects. We will strive to deepen our focus on utilising research, policy, data and insights to inform our priorities and actions under the EDI agenda. We also strive to contribute to the wider gathering of knowledge on identity and characteristics through undertaking our own research and understanding to disseminate throughout the FE Sector.

#### Proactive and Responsive

We endeavour to be at the forefront of EDI in FE across the UK. We want to spearhead innovative and progressive initiatives to truly make a difference to all, both within the Coleg Cambria community and beyond. We will positively impact our local communities and remain a key voice in the sector on all issues relating to equality, diversity and inclusion.



## 3. Our People

Below is the characteristic data of our colleagues here at Coleg Cambria. This overviews the different characteristic make up of our staff in different areas: management, business support, academic. We have noticed a discrepancy in our data in regards to gender reassignment, where 17 staff have identified as being transgender. We note that this is likely inaccurate due to a misinterpretation of the question and are working on processes to improve accuracy of this data.

| Gender |          |                  |          |             |
|--------|----------|------------------|----------|-------------|
|        | Managers | Business Support | Academic | Total Staff |
| Male   | 35       | 269              | 221      | 525         |
| Female | 50       | 500              | 287      | 837         |

| Sexual Orientation |          |                  |          |             |
|--------------------|----------|------------------|----------|-------------|
|                    | Managers | Business Support | Academic | Total Staff |
| Heterosexual       | 69       | 590              | 378      | 1037        |
| Gay or Lesbian     | 6        | 17               | 8        | 31          |
| Bisexual           | 1        | 14               | 3        | 18          |
| Other              | 0        | 5                | 0        | 5           |
| Prefer Not To Say  | 9        | 143              | 119      | 271         |

| Gender Reassignment |          |                  |          |             |
|---------------------|----------|------------------|----------|-------------|
|                     | Managers | Business Support | Academic | Total Staff |
| Yes                 | 1        | 9                | 7        | 17          |
| No                  | 84       | 734              | 489      | 1307        |
| Prefer Not To Say   | 0        | 26               | 12       | 38          |

| Disability        |          |                  |          |             |
|-------------------|----------|------------------|----------|-------------|
|                   | Managers | Business Support | Academic | Total Staff |
| Disability        | 5        | 56               | 37       | 98          |
| No Disability     | 23       | 295              | 136      | 454         |
| Prefer Not To Say | 0        | 28               | 15       | 43          |
| Not Disclosed     | 57       | 390              | 320      | 767         |

## 3. Our People

| Religion                 |          |                  |          |             |
|--------------------------|----------|------------------|----------|-------------|
|                          | Managers | Business Support | Academic | Total Staff |
| Christian                | 43       | 303              | 180      | 526         |
| Atheist                  | 1        | 17               | 11       | 29          |
| Buddhist                 | 0        | 2                | 3        | 5           |
| Muslim                   | 0        | 1                | 1        | 2           |
| No Religious Affiliation | 30       | 288              | 168      | 486         |
| Other                    | 0        | 12               | 4        | 16          |
| Prefer Not To Say        | 11       | 146              | 141      | 298         |

| Age   |          |                  |          |             |
|-------|----------|------------------|----------|-------------|
|       | Managers | Business Support | Academic | Total Staff |
| 16-19 | 0        | 6                | 0        | 6           |
| 20-29 | 0        | 92               | 15       | 107         |
| 30-39 | 12       | 185              | 100      | 297         |
| 40-49 | 32       | 161              | 143      | 336         |
| 50-59 | 36       | 200              | 181      | 417         |
| 60-69 | 5        | 114              | 63       | 182         |
| 70+   | 0        | 11               | 6        | 17          |



### 3. Our People

| Race  |          |                  |          |             |
|---|----------|------------------|----------|-------------|
|   | Managers | Business Support | Academic | Total Staff |
| Asian/ Asian British - Chinese                  | 0        | 3                | 1        | 4           |
| Asian/ Asian British - Indian                   | 0        | 2                | 1        | 3           |
| Black / Black British - African                 | 0        | 5                | 2        | 7           |
| Black/ Black British - Caribbean                | 0        | 0                | 1        | 1           |
| Mixed / Mixed British - White and Asian         | 0        | 1                | 1        | 2           |
| Mixed / Mixed British - White/ Black African    | 0        | 2                | 0        | 2           |
| Mixed/ Mixed British Any other Mixed Background | 0        | 3                | 2        | 5           |
| Mixed/ Mixed British - White/ Black Caribbean   | 0        | 1                | 0        | 1           |
| Mixed/ Mixed British - White/ Asian             | 0        | 2                | 0        | 2           |
| Other (state if required)                       | 0        | 1                | 0        | 1           |
| Other Ethnic Group                              | 0        | 2                | 0        | 2           |
| Other/ Other British - Arab                     | 0        | 1                | 0        | 1           |
| Prefer not to say                               | 0        | 21               | 11       | 32          |
| White - Other                                   | 1        | 21               | 16       | 38          |
| White - British                                 | 69       | 558              | 386      | 1013        |
| White - English                                 | 0        | 18               | 6        | 24          |
| White - Irish                                   | 1        | 5                | 2        | 8           |
| White - Northern Irish                          | 1        | 0                | 0        | 1           |
| White - Scottish                                | 1        | 2                | 0        | 3           |
| White - Welsh                                   | 13       | 120              | 79       | 212         |

## 4. Equality Objectives

Our Strategic Equality Plan 2024-2028 laid out our equality objectives. The Strategic Equality Plan goes into detail about the development of the equality objectives, the consultation we undertook, and how they uphold the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Our equality objectives outline our priorities for enhancing equality at Coleg Cambria over the next four years.

### Our equality objectives are:



#### **Objective One:** **Culture of Kindness**

We will ensure that a culture of kindness is holistically embedded throughout Coleg Cambria where all benefit from the principles of: safety, trust, honesty, understanding, and support



#### **Objective Two:** **Empowering with Knowledge**

We will empower our colleagues, students, and wider communities with knowledge about identity, experience, and culture to enable them to influence



#### **Objective Three:** **Inclusive Environments**

We will audit and regularly review the inclusivity of our physical environments and spaces to guarantee all people feel welcome at Coleg Cambria



#### **Objective Four:** **Insightful EDI**

We will gather appropriate data to remove barriers to equality and widen understanding of diversity



#### **Objective Five:** **Ensuring Equity**

We will create equity for all through identifying and removing barriers and utilising a person centred approach to the learner and employee journey



## 5. Impact

Despite the fact our Strategic Equality Plan was only published in April, we have seen some great impact over the academic year 23/24 within our Equality Objectives. Below are the highlights of the impact we have had under each of our equality objectives.



### Culture of Kindness

- Developed two staff trainings on peer-on-peer abuse for the Further Education Sector
- Co-delivered a Pan Wales Workshop on peer-on-peer abuse
- Developed a peer-on-peer abuse toolkit for the Further Education Sector
- Presented at Colegau Cymru Conference with Estyn on peer-on-peer abuse
- Created new methods for learners to report hate and sexual misconduct which saw 98 learners receiving support for this
- Developed working group to improve support for ESOL learners
- A Colour run to celebrate Holi saw 250 staff and students participate
- 500 students joined our CambriaFest, where we had a 'summer festivals' themed quiet zone called Peace Fields
- Sponsored Chester Pride and 10 students joined us in the march
- Collaborated with Wrexham Pride and Wrexham Council to run craft sessions and chats to give our learners an active voice in the first Wrexham Pride
- Developed Culture Collectives to share experiences on Faith, Culture and Diversity of which 350 students and staff attended
- Delivered an Alice in Wonderland themed ESOL integration event to highlight support available to ESOL learners
- Launched a new positive approach to behaviour through Graduated Approach, New Positive Behaviour Policy, New Student Code of Conduct
- Hosted 'The Great Debate' which saw 15 students and 7 staff come together to discuss learner behaviour



### Empowering with Knowledge

- 129 Chaplaincy sessions delivered to 1742 learners across all sites
- 317 staff and students attended Holocaust Memorial Day talks across all sites
- Delivered 10 Inclusion Induction Days to 105 new staff at the college
- A pilot on embedding an anti-racist curriculum allowed 9 staff to receive specific anti-racism training
- All ESOL Tutors were trained in specific Trauma Informed Practices for Refugees and Asylum Seekers
- 60 Wellbeing and Support staff were trained in BME Mental Health
- 40 hours of Equality & Diversity Training was delivered to over 400 staff members
- Student Equality Podcast produced with Equality & Diversity Coordinator, Chaplain and Student Equality Officers
- Eid al Fitr campaign on social media which highlighted what Ramadan means to Muslim learners
- Training on Inclusive Practices and Equality to 40 student representatives
- Specific sessions on peer-on-peer abuse delivered to all Llysfasi students

## 5. Impact



### Inclusive Environments

- 6 Viva LGBTQ+ sessions ran out of Coleg Cambria sites supporting cohesion between the youth group and our students
- Developed links with local Ethnic Minority Youth Support Team by running summer trips for 90 children, young people and families
- Established The Lived Experience Panel which brought 30 staff from diverse backgrounds together to represent their community to the college
- 8 ESOL Student Voice sessions were delivered to 230 ESOL learners to highlight support and listen to their voice
- Elected three Student Equality Officers who worked with the College to represent student perspectives on equality
- Developed a new Pagan Students' Group after noticing an increase in learners identifying as Pagan
- Created displays at college sites to visually display our equality values and commitment
- Renewal of our Disability Confident Employer Status



### Insightful EDI

- Received a 'strong' conclusion to our internal audit for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion with no recommendations and 8 areas for best practice
- Developed a report on 'Inclusive Colleges' which outlined learners' perspective on inclusion, which was delivered to SMT
- Increased our LIFE Survey turnout by 520% in Term Two and 61% in Term Three
- Delivered a session for our Governors on our EDI approach and identified priorities for the Strategic Equality Plan
- Further research into peer-on-peer abuse was undertaken to explore learners barriers to reporting
- Delivered at Policy Insight Wales 'Delivering the LGBTQ+ Action Plan Conference' as a case study of LGBTQ+ Inclusion in Education
- Chaplain represented Coleg Cambria at International Eisteddfod as part of the North Wales Interfaith Forum
- A range of EDI briefings and reports were developed to highlight key topics e.g. Rwanda Plan, Antisemitism, Transphobia
- Deep dives into our data on characteristic gaps were delivered to SMT on a monthly basis
- Began developing a Culturally Competent Framework in collaboration with Diverse Cymru, and interviewed 6 staff and learners on what culture means to them
- Completed 42 Equality Impact Assessments for new policies and practices
- Colegau Cymru EDI Workshop was hosted at our Yale site, and our Equality & Diversity Coordinator wrote a blog for Colegau Cymru about this event
- Our Equality & Diversity Coordinator sat on Practitioner Advisory Group for Welsh Government's Guidance for Schools on Supporting Transgender and Non-Binary Learners

## 5. Impact



### Ensuring Equity

- Equality & diversity support given to thirteen Curriculum Directors on embedding EDI within curriculum as part of the ADRE process
- Focus on equality & diversity within the coherent curriculum supported tutors to consider EDI when developing curriculum and delivering teaching and learning
- Achieved 41.3% of the actions within our Anti-Racist Action Plan, with 54.4% of the actions in progress
- All Curriculum Directors received training on EDI in the curriculum
- One-to-one support offered to 72 learners from Chaplaincy
- 125 referrals for support to Equality & Diversity
- Gender, Disability and Ethnicity Pay Gap Reports were produced and no pay gap was identified in terms of disability
- Inclusive Recruitment pilot was undertaken to make innovations to recruitment process
- Equality, diversity and inclusion added onto all Campus Council agendas

## 6. Action Plan

Our Strategic Equality Plan was published in April 2024. This means that the focus for the last year has been developing the plan, and creating an action plan to sit alongside it. Between April 2024 and September 2024 (time of writing), we have developed a cohesive Equality Action Plan which identifies the actions we will be taking over the next 12 months to make progress towards our equality objectives.

Below is our Equality Action Plan. We will update this and publish annually within this document, alongside the updated impact of the previous year's Equality Action Plan.



### Objective One: Culture of Kindness

Objective Lead: Cath Sullivan

| Target  | Target Lead                | Actions  | Start  | End  |
|---|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Formulate a cohesive approach to preventing, reporting and responding to peer-on-peer abuse   | Alice Churm                | Research report into PoPA at Cambria<br>Student reporting system for PoPA<br>Student campaign on PoPA<br>Sessions on PoPA embedded in MADE<br>Monitor data on PoPA<br>Staff to undertake training on PoPA  | May 24<br>Sep 24<br>Sep 24<br>Oct 24<br>Sep 24<br>Oct 24 | Sep 24<br>Jun 25<br>Mar 25<br>Sep 25<br>Sep 25<br>Jun 25 |
| Ensure that all our support provisions holistically embed an understanding of identity, experience and characteristics              | Bethan Charles             | Cultural Competency framework developed<br>Audit of student opinion on support<br>Focus group with student officers on support<br>Support services staff to undertake EDI training<br>Using LIFE Survey to tailor support<br>Continue ESOL Working Group           | May 24<br>Sep 24<br>Oct 24<br>Sep 24<br>Sep 24<br>Nov 24 | Jan 25<br>Jun 25<br>Dec 24<br>Jun 25<br>May 25<br>Jun 25 |
| Celebrate key equality days throughout the year with enhanced knowledge, events and activities                                      | Emma Stedman / Mark Hughes | Develop the EDI Calendar<br>Social media posts dedicated to key equality days<br>More EDI dates in MADE Programme<br>Focus on EDI in Student Support Meetings<br>Expand culture collective events across other sites<br>Shared spreadsheet for cross collaboration | Aug 24<br>Sep 24<br>Sep 24<br>Jul 24<br>Sep 24<br>Jul 24 | Sep 24<br>Jun 25<br>Oct 24<br>Jul 25<br>Jul 25<br>Sep 24 |
| Develop opportunities for learners, colleagues and the wider community to actively participate in creating a more equitable society | Emma Roberts               | Promote the Lived Experience Panel<br>Monitor impact of Lived Experience Panel<br>Monitor external agencies in relation to EDI<br>Renew our Disability Confident Employer marker   | Sep 24<br>Sep 24<br>Sep 24<br>Jul 24                     | Oct 24<br>Jun 25<br>Jun 25<br>Sep 24                     |
| Understand the changing learner experience to embed and promote respect and tolerance   | Lizzie Stevens             | Continue The Great Debate Across different sites<br>Align Respect project with this action plan<br>Develop a staff training on learner behaviour   | Jan 24<br>Oct 24<br>Nov 24                               | May 24<br>Dec 24<br>Feb 25                               |

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### Objective Two: Empowering with Knowledge

Objective Lead: Steven Peacock

| Target  | Target Lead                     | Actions  | Start                                | End                                  |
|---|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Creating and delivering a comprehensive equality training programme for colleagues                              | Alice Churm                     | Plan what EDI training needs to be developed<br>Develop online training courses<br>Advertise EDI trainings on Happeo<br>Continue work on Phased Approach project           | Sep 24<br>Sep 24<br>Aug 25<br>Sep 24 | Oct 24<br>Aug 25<br>Aug 25<br>Jun 25 |
| Ensuring understanding of identity, experience and culture is embedded within the curriculum and MADE programme | Daniel Reading / Steven Peacock | Develop resources and E&D content for MADE<br>Develop Inclusive Roadshow<br>Process and training on Diverse Curriculum<br>Increase opportunities for staff sharing schemes | Jul 24<br>Sep 24<br>Sep 24<br>Jan 25 | Sep 24<br>Feb 25<br>Jul 25<br>Jul 25 |
| Fostering a shared equality language informed by sector policy and insights to enable conversation              | Alice Churm                     | Review EDI Dictionary as resource<br>Reporting from LIFE Survey to highlight language<br>Develop toolkits for PoPA to support language use                                 | Nov 24<br>Oct 24<br>Dec 24           | Dec 24<br>May 25<br>Jun 25           |
| Developing part-time courses related to equality, diversity and inclusion to empower our wider communities      | Sean Finnigan                   | EDI part-time sessions in business school<br>Establish Inclusion Conference for externals<br>Continued Trauma Informed Training for community                              | Sep 24<br>Nov 24<br>Sep 24           | Aug 25<br>Jul 25<br>Jul 25           |

## 6. Action Plan



### Objective Three: Inclusive Environments

Objective Lead: Alex Evans

| Target   | Target Lead                                 | Actions  | Start  | End  |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| Establish a process for annual inclusion audits of all our sites, spaces and future planning and liaising with specialist organisations to inform this | Lizzie Stevens / Alex Evans                 | Annual access audits with external company<br>Undertake access audit for 24/25<br>Commit to costing an annual access audit<br>Review auditing of hearing loops<br>Review the previous inclusion audit<br>Establish cycle for audits to take place<br>Embed EIAs into facilities planning<br>Annual Sensory Audit | Sep 24<br>Sep 24<br>Dec 24<br>Sep 24<br>Sep 24<br>Dec 24<br>Nov 24<br>Sep 24 | Jul 25<br>Jul 25<br>Feb 25<br>Jul 25<br>Jul 25<br>Feb 24<br>Jan 25<br>Jul 25 |
| Building appropriate facilities for all identities on every site including infrastructure and offerings  | Bethan Charles / Alex Evans                 | Undertake facilities review with Lived Experience Panel<br>Inclusion involvement in future planning<br>Embed questions on facilities in LIFE Survey  | Nov 24<br>Sep 24<br>Sep 24   | Nov 24<br>Jul 25<br>May 25   |
| Utilising new and emerging technologies to innovate and enhance equality provision   | Emma Stedman / Sean Finnigan / Adam Cleaver | Establish our current EDI technologies<br>Research good practice for EDI tech<br>Establish challenges in EDI areas for college currently<br>Explore new software and tech<br>Regular horizon scanning for new tech   | Sep 24<br>Sep 24<br>Dec 24<br>Sep 24<br>Sep 24                               | Jun 25<br>Jun 25<br>Jun 25<br>Jun 25<br>Jun 25                               |
| Reviewing our communications to explore and understand the impact of the language we use   | Llinos Roberts                              | Produce style guides in plain English and Welsh  | Sep 24   | Jun 25   |
| Visually displaying our commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion to communicate Coleg Cambria as a safe space for all                           | Emma Stedman                                | New process for posting CAD on social media<br>Instal new signage that promotes values of EDI<br>Safe Spaces pledge and campaign   | Jul 24<br>Jul 24<br>Sep 24   | Sep 24<br>Sep 24<br>Sep 25   |

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### Objective Four: Insightful EDI

Objective Lead: Alice Churm

| Target  | Target Lead                   | Actions   | Start  | End  |
|---|-------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Reviewing our data capturing methods to ensure employee and learner equality data is accurate and appropriate                           | Alice Churm /<br>Emma Roberts | Embed EDI monitoring form in student application<br>Review staff question on transgender<br>Investigate LIFE Survey for staff   | Jul 24<br>Jul 24<br>Nov 24                               | Dec 24<br>Sep 24<br>Sep 25                               |
| Utilising data, research and policy to inform all equality planning and remaining knowledgeable on changing landscape of EDI            | Alice Churm                   | Embed learning from inclusive recruitment in HR<br>Continue involvement in external projects<br>Plan EDI research project for next year<br>Develop LIFE Survey Report 24/25<br>Create a Happeo space for policy updates<br>Author two hot topic research reports on EDI | Oct 24<br>Sep 24<br>Sep 24<br>Oct 24<br>Nov 24<br>Oct 24 | May 25<br>Aug 25<br>Jun 25<br>Jul 25<br>Dec 24<br>May 25 |
| Reviewing our EIA guidelines, and expanding the use of EIAs outside of just policy to explore all processes and services at the college | Alice Churm                   | Embed Trauma Informed Approaches in EIA process<br>Review EIA format and create new toolkit<br>Present new EIA to staff and get approved<br>Develop training for staff on undertaking EIAs<br>Ingrain the LEP into EIA process  | Jul 24<br>Jul 24<br>Aug 24<br>Oct 24<br>Jul 24           | Sep 24<br>Sep 24<br>Oct 24<br>Dec 24<br>Oct 24           |
| Broadening the prevalence of equality within our governance structures to ensure that it is woven within everything we do               | Lizzie Stevens                | Review E&D Committee to focus on this plan<br>Mandatory CIP Target 25/26 on EDI<br>Develop session with governors to explore EDI<br>Whole college EDI SAR to make recommendations   | Jul 24<br>May 25<br>Sep 24<br>Jul 24                     | Aug 24<br>Sep 25<br>Jul 25<br>Nov 24                     |
| Using national benchmarking tools and frameworks to monitor our position related to equality, diversity and inclusion                   | Alice Churm                   | Develop and upskill relevant EDI staff<br>Complete AoC EDI Charter<br>Renew our Disability Confident Employer marker<br>Audit chartermarks and benchmarking tools   | Sep 24<br>Sep 24<br>Jul 24<br>Jan 25                     | Sep 25<br>Jan 25<br>Sep 24<br>Apr 25                     |



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### Objective Five: Ensuring Equity

Objective Lead: Cath Sullivan

| Target   | Target Lead                         | Actions  | Start  | End    |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|--------|--------|
| Providing appropriate support and learning experience for non-FE pathways  | Steven Peacock /<br>Katie Griffiths | Improve processes for WBL and Learning Support Collaboration | Sep 24 | Sep 25 |
|  |                                     | WBL - SAR Input drawing from employer and learner surveys    | Sep 24 | Dec 24 |
|  |                                     | Review HE transition process in conjunction with LJMU        | Sep 24 | Jul 25 |
|  |                                     | Targetted EDI CPD for WBL and HE staff                       | Jan 25 | Jun 25 |
|  |                                     | Launch LIFE Survey in HE                                     | Sep 24 | Oct 25 |
|  |                                     | Review LIFE Survey HE responses to plan for support          | Oct 24 | May 25 |
| Provide a tailored transition experience to ensure learners from diverse communities feel supported and included as they start their journey at the College                      | Bethan Charles /<br>Vicky Edwards   | Pilot targeted transition activities for diverse communities | Jan 25 | May 25 |
| Develop and implement innovative recruitment and employment progression practices aimed at enhancing inclusivity and accessibility throughout all stages of the employee journey | Joanne Freeman                      | Develop a report into Inclusive Recruitment                  | May 23 | Dec 23 |
|  |                                     | Develop project to pilot inclusive recruitment               | Apr 24 | Dec 24 |
|  |                                     | Further roll out of inclusive recruitment                    | Jan 25 | Jul 25 |
|  |                                     | Implement blind recruitment                                  | Sep 24 | Jul 25 |
| Review our gender, ethnicity and disability pay gaps and undertake actions identified to reduce gaps   | Emma Roberts                        | Develop Gender Pay Gap Report 23/24                          | Sep 24 | Dec 24 |
|  |                                     | Develop Disability and Race Pay Gap Reports 23/24            | Sep 24 | Dec 24 |
|  |                                     | Embed 2023 and 2024 action plan into this plan               | Jan 25 | Jul 25 |
| Expanding our DICE Dashboard to review, monitor, and target intervention across identified gaps  | Alice Churm                         | Implement E&D monitoring form                                | Sep 24 | Nov 24 |
|  |                                     | Input LIFE Survey data in ebs                                | May 25 | Jul 25 |
|  |                                     | Review LIFE Survey data method gathering                     | May 25 | Jul 25 |



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