

	Equality	Diversity	Inclusion
Definition	Equality of opportunity, difference doesn't matter	Difference recognised and emphasised but not leveraged	Difference seen as benefit to utilise, perspective & differences shared leading to better decisions
Strategy & Plan	Department strategy, based on risk management	People strategy, linked with talent management	Business strategy, driven by talent & customer needs
Leadership & Accountability	Owned by Human Resources (HR) Line Managers accountable for own action	Leadership sponsor, HR accountable for plan	Driven by most senior leader, built into personal/ business values & behaviours, everyone accountable
Stakeholder Focus	Internal - employees only	Internal & external (acknowledge benefit in connecting with customers)	Internal & external (driven by customer & therefore business needs)
Policy & Process	Based on legislation, lists Protected Characteristics (PCs), prescriptive, reactive	Based on best practice, tailored approach to PCs, proactive - contains tools & solutions	Based on innovation & personalisation, foundation of fairness but tailored inclusive approach for all
Communication & Engagement	From Diversity & Inclusion, one-way, policy focused, limited measures, difference not discussed as not recognised	From HR, best practice focused, measures taken, difference recognised, feedback sought, only positive stories shared	From leaders, business focused, 2-way, feedback encouraged, constructive debate embraced, driven by continuous improvement

Acceptance, acknowledgement of difference

Command & control, tolerance, compliance fear of standing out

Culture

Authentic, value driven, performance focused, open, collaborative, learning, trusting

Equality

Result

Actions

Step

Establish sponsorship & direction

Analyse available data to diagnose issues
Develop high level D&I business case and strategy
Gain senior sponsorship
Review people policies, practices and processes
Build D&I action plan, prioritising issues with legal risk or
Clear business benefit

Prepare

Build support & energy Start taking action, ensuring impact is measured with clear KPIs
Consult with employees on plans, ensuring objectives and measures are clear
Review business policies for exclusion issues
Build larger network of internal sponsors (possibly steering group)
Build external support network

Mobilise

Reap rewards & gain momentum

Engage workforce

Monitor progress across organisation

Use KPis from initiatives to gain momentum, engagement and develop an organisation specific BC

Learn from success/errors of other

Realise

Embed new culture Build D&I objectives into business strategy
Communicate vision, strategy and plan to business (from leaders)
Ensure actions are implemented
Establish effective feedback mechanism for D&I issues (possibly engagement survey)
Communicate progress, evidence of culture change & commercial benefits

Embed

Maintain organisational success Strive for continuous performance
Review and refine D&I aspects of business strategy regularly
Continue to communicate progress, celebrate successes and learning points internally and externally

Sustain

Inclusion