

Contacts

Inside college:

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- Students and staff are welcome to join or contact the BHASVIC Inclusivity Group (BIG), which discusses / advises on EDI matters in the college.
- A 'Gender Champion' can also be contacted, via Jackie Davies, for support in developing innovative approaches regarding gender EDI in teaching and learning.
- Staff EDI complaints or queries can also be made to Line Managers, Human Resources and Union reps.
- Student EDI complaints or queries can also be made to Personal Tutors, the Student Union EDI Officer, or through the BHASVIC Forum.

Outside college – some examples of support available:

LGBTU+

- Allsorts - <http://www.allsortsyouth.org.uk>

Disability

- Possability People - <https://www.possabilitypeople.org.uk>
- Mind in Brighton and Hove <https://www.mindcharity.co.uk>

BAME

- Sussex Interpreting Service - <http://www.sussexinterpreting.org.uk>
- Global Social Club - <https://www.facebook.com/globalsocialclub>
- BMEYPP - <https://www.facebook.com/bmeypp>

Religion:

- Sussex Interfaith - <http://www.sussexinterfaith.org.uk>
- The Inter Faith Network for the UK - <https://www.interfaith.org.uk>

BHASVIC

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION



BHASVIC is committed to ensuring that everybody in our community (students, staff, parents, carers, visitors, governors and applicants) is treated fairly and equally.

We review and publish our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Policy every four years, and data on our staff and student demographics, called EDIMs, annually. These can be found on our website: <https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk>

Our vision is for BHASVIC to be a contemporary, creative learning community. We value learning, respect, inclusivity and collaboration.

BHASVIC is a learning environment that supports a calm and purposeful atmosphere. We celebrate that we are a diverse community and treat everyone with fairness, consideration and respect.

THE EQUALITY ACT AND PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS

As an education provider, BHASVIC has a legal requirement under the Equality Act to promote equality of opportunity and avoid discrimination in relation to:

			
Age	Race	Gender	Disability
			
Sexual orientation and gender reassignment	Faith or belief	Pregnancy	Being married or in a civil partnership

In addition, BHASVIC undertakes to promote equality of opportunity and avoid discrimination in relation to:



Social or economic disadvantage

EDI IN OUR '7CS' STRATEGIC PLAN

BHASVIC's '7Cs' are: **Commitment, Curriculum, Culture, Contemporary, Creative, Community** and **Control**. Our work to promote equality and human rights, and to tackle inequalities is integrated into our strategic planning to ensure that staff, students and the wider college community understand their responsibilities.

With this in mind, we aim to be:

- an inclusive and accepting college where every individual feels part of a community and where we play an active role in our local community to help raise standards and aspirations.
- an efficient, fair and intelligently managed organisation.
- a college where staff and students are supported, valued and developed in a safe environment, knowing their own wellbeing is key to our success
- a college which allows all students to achieve above and beyond what they think is possible.
- an enabling curriculum, providing a broad and balanced, all-round education.

BHASVIC HAS FOUR EQUALITY OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS

EQUALITY OBJECTIVE 1

Create, sustain and celebrate an inclusive and diverse work and learning environment which advances equality of opportunity for everyone.

This means we want our whole community to understand the part they play in advancing equality and celebrating diversity. Members of our community can get involved through the BHASVIC Forum, student-led representation groups, the BHASVIC Inclusivity Group (BIG) and by providing us with feedback on EDI matters, from the curriculum to marketing material.

EQUALITY OBJECTIVE 2

Seek to challenge inequality, prejudice and discrimination.

This means we will actively challenge this type of behaviour, referring to our Student Behaviour and Dignity at Work (staff) policies, when needed.

EQUALITY OBJECTIVE 3

Treat all members with respect and dignity, and seek to provide an environment free from harassment, discrimination and victimisation, including by association and perception. The college will not tolerate any form of discriminatory behaviour against its community, either from other members, or from members of the public.

If you have a complaint about behaviour like this, please use the contacts on the back of this leaflet.

EQUALITY OBJECTIVE 4

No member of the college, visitor or applicant will be disadvantaged, or treated less favourably. Reasonable adjustments will be made to arrangements and premises to ensure access for a diverse range of people.

We are aware that due to their age, some of our buildings have physical access issues. If this creates difficulties for you, let us know and we will work with you to ensure alternative arrangements are made. If you have any other access needs, please use the contact details overleaf.