

Ladies Association of British Barbershop Singers

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Anti-discrimination & Equal Opportunities Policy

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14/10/2022	3	Updated version number to 3. Inserted version control log.
25/08/2024	4	Updated version to number 4. Amendments to the purpose as below.
June 2025	5	Updated weblink.

The LABBS Board is committed to creating a diverse association with an inclusive culture where everyone is accepted and can thrive.

LABBS recognises that everyone has a right to equal opportunity within our Association. Singing belongs to everyone and should be available to be enjoyed equally by all. Our commitment is to confront and eliminate discrimination whether by reason of Age, Disability, Gender Reassignment, Marriage or Civil Partnership, Pregnancy and Maternity, Race, Religion or Belief, Sex, and Sexual Orientation and to encourage equal opportunities.

The purpose of this policy is: -

To inform all our members that we will not tolerate any discriminatory behaviour in relation to the activities of the LABBS. We will not treat anyone less favourably on the grounds of Age, Disability, Gender Reassignment, Marriage or Civil Partnership, Pregnancy and Maternity, Race, Religion or Belief, Sex and Sexual Orientation and we will encourage equal opportunities. This policy applies to all members and at all levels and everyone has a responsibility to follow this policy and have an awareness of issues that could be interpreted as discriminatory. We will seek to promote a culture of kindness and acceptance of all individuals, with considerate communication at the forefront of how we conduct ourselves.

You'll find a good amount of information on the website of the Equalities and Human Rights Commission which is written in plain english. For example, here's a link to the gender reassignment discrimination section of the website. [Equality Human Rights - further information](#)

LABBS will not tolerate: -

Any sexually or racially based harassment or any other discriminatory behaviour whether physical or verbal and will work to ensure that such behaviour is met with appropriate action in whatever context it occurs.

Breaches of this policy

LABBS is committed to a policy of equal treatment of all members of whatever level or authority and to adhere to and abide by this policy within our Association. In the event that the Board is notified of any breaches to this policy, positive steps will be taken to prevent a re-occurrence of this and will be considered in line with the Rules of the Association contained within the Articles and Annexes of the Ladies Association of British Barbershop Singers. These rules can be found on the LABBS website at the following location:

[LABBS Articles of Association and Annexes](#)

LABBS will ensure that all members are aware of this policy and it should be read in conjunction with the Articles of Association and Annexes of the Ladies Association of British Barbershop Singers.

LABBS is committed to reviewing this policy on a regular basis.