

Fostering a Gender-Inclusive Workplace

An inclusive workplace ensures all employees feel respected, valued, and supported. Gender inclusivity is key, and small but meaningful changes can make a big difference. Here are practical ways to promote a gender-inclusive environment.



Move Toward Gender Neutrality

- Review dress codes for flexibility and inclusivity. If uniforms have gender-specific versions, allow employees to choose the one that aligns with their gender identity.
- Avoid assumptions about how people of certain genders should dress or behave.

Model Inclusivity in Workplace Interactions

- Use respectful and affirming language when discussing transgender individuals. Avoid misgendering and ensure conversations remain inclusive.
- If an employee is transitioning, start by listening and offering support. Discuss how they would like to communicate their transition to colleagues and respect their wishes.
- Ensure all discussions about an employee's gender identity occur privately and confidentially. Do not share any information without their consent.

Respect Personal Boundaries

- Do not ask transgender employees personal questions about their medical history, transition, or surgical status.
- Respect people's time and privacy—transgender employees should not be expected to educate others about gender diversity. Seek external resources to build understanding.

Ensure Inclusive Facilities

- Allow employees to use restrooms that align with their gender identity. Providing gender-neutral, single-occupancy options can also be helpful.

Recognise Preferred Name and Pronouns

- Where possible, update directories, business cards, and email addresses to reflect an employee's chosen name.
- Establish clear processes to address discrepancies between legal documents and workplace records.

Develop Inclusive Policies and Training

- Involve transgender employees in shaping policies that affect them. If needed, seek guidance from LGBTQI+ organisations.
- Integrate transgender-inclusive scenarios into respectful workplace or harassment prevention training.

Resources:

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