### **Equalities, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy**

#### Introduction

At Loxlea Creative, we recognize the unique context of being a creative business in the arts industry. Our commitment to equalities, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) extends beyond legal compliance—it's integral to our ethos. This policy outlines our approach to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment.

#### **Our Values**

- 1. **Celebrating Diversity**: We celebrate the richness of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives within our creative community.
- 2. **Equity and Fairness**: We treat all artists, collaborators, and stakeholders fairly, regardless of their identity, background, or artistic discipline.
- 3. **Promoting Inclusion**: We actively promote an inclusive environment where everyone feels valued, respected, and heard.

# **Key Initiatives**

To translate our values into action, we have implemented the following initiatives:

### 1. Representation and Opportunities:

- We actively seek artists from diverse backgrounds for collaborations, exhibitions, and projects.
- We provide equal opportunities for emerging and established artists.

#### 2. Accessible Spaces and Events:

- Our physical and virtual spaces are designed to be accessible to all, including those with disabilities.
- o We consider diverse needs when planning events, workshops, and exhibitions.

### 3. Anti-Discrimination Measures:

- We have a zero-tolerance policy for discrimination, harassment, or exclusion based on race, gender, sexuality, disability, or any other protected characteristic.
- We encourage reporting of any incidents to ensure swift action.

### 4. Mentorship and Skill Development:

- We offer mentorship programs to support emerging artists.
- o We provide training and resources to enhance artistic skills and business acumen.

### 5. Collaboration and Networking:

- o We foster connections between artists, encouraging cross-disciplinary collaborations.
- We actively engage with local and global arts communities.

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# **Reporting Incidents**

If anyone experiences or witnesses discriminatory behavior within Loxlea Creative, we encourage them to report it promptly. We will investigate all complaints confidentially and take appropriate action.

## Conclusion

As a creative sole trader, you are an essential part of our vibrant arts ecosystem. Let's continue to create, collaborate, and champion diversity together.

This policy reflects our commitment to nurturing a thriving arts community where every artist's voice matters. �� 🌞