



Understanding DEI: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

In today's global world, diversity and inclusion in the workplace is not just a moral imperative but a business necessity. Embracing a diverse workforce brings a wealth of perspectives, drives innovation, and enhances productivity.

Diversity:

The unique mix of individuals in an organisation, including differences in age, gender, race, education, and more.

Equity:

Fair treatment for all, recognising and accommodating individual differences. Unlike equality, which treats everyone the same, equity ensures everyone has access to the same opportunities.

Inclusion:

Creating an environment where everyone feels valued, respected, and connected.

Benefits of DEI

Creativity and innovation:

Diverse teams bring varied perspectives, leading to more creative and innovative solutions.

Engagement and productivity:

Inclusive workplaces boost morale, engagement, and productivity by fostering a sense of belonging.

Did you know...

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Workers in inclusive teams are 3 times less likely to leave their organisation and 8 times more likely to work effectively as a team.

What can I do?

Like most things, sometimes change starts with you. It doesn't matter whether you work remotely or on site, there are plenty of things you can do to be an ally to marginalised groups, and an advocate for diversity and inclusion in your workplace.

How you can promote DEI

1. Educate yourself

Learn about different cultures and experiences to understand the challenges faced by marginalised groups.

2. Speak up

Advocate for inclusive practices and challenge discriminatory behaviour.

3. Manage well

If you're a manager, treat everyone equitably and celebrate team diversity.

4. Promote inclusive policies

Encourage your organisation to adopt policies that support diversity and inclusion.

5. Celebrate diversity

Recognise and celebrate cultural and religious holidays to foster a respectful workplace.

How employers can support DEI

- Training: Offer regular training sessions on topics like Active Bystander and Conscious Inclusion.
- Policies: Implement strong anti-discrimination policies and promote flexible working arrangements.
- Hiring Practices: Use inclusive language in job ads and ensure the recruitment process is accessible to all candidates.

Source:¹ [Diversity Council of Australia - DCA's Inclusion@Work Index 2023-2024](#)

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