



## Equal Opportunities Policy

It is the policy of Upper Teesdale Agricultural Support Services Ltd (UTASS) to treat all trustees, employees, volunteers, service users and job applicants fairly and equally regardless of their sex, sexual orientation, marital status, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion, age, disability or union membership status.

Furthermore UTASS will ensure that no requirement or condition will be imposed without justification which could disadvantage individuals purely on any of the above grounds.

The policy applies to recruitment and selection, terms and conditions of employment including pay, promotion, training, transfer and every other aspect of employment and service user participation.

UTASS will regularly review its procedures and selection criteria to ensure that individuals are selected, promoted and otherwise treated according to their relevant individual abilities and merits.

UTASS is committed to the implementation of this policy and to a programme of action to ensure that the policy is, and continues to be, fully effective. The overall responsibility for the policy lies with the UTASS Trustees. However, all trustees, employees, volunteers, and job applicants are required to comply with the policy and to act in accordance with its objectives so as to remove any barriers to equal opportunity.

Any act of discrimination by trustees, employees or volunteers or any failure to comply with the terms of the policy will result in disciplinary action.

Approved by UTASS Trustees on.....13<sup>th</sup> September 2016.....(DATE)

Signed by UTASS Chairperson.....

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