# FAIRNESS, INCLUSION & RESPECT THE FRAMEWORK

# **SCOPE**

This Toolbox Talk will explain the CITB Be FaIR Framework and what it means for you and our business.

## What is Be FaIR?

- An accredited framework to enable us to promote a culture of fairness, inclusion and respect within our Company.
- It enables us to create a workplace where we all feel valued and supported.
- It will help Colas to win more work by demonstrating our commitment to an inclusive culture.

# **Objective for Colas**

To embrace and celebrate the diversity of our workforce and to promote inclusion and respect amongst all employees, customers and the culturally diverse environment in which we live and work.

# **MAIN POINTS**

# THE BE FAIR FRAMEWORK

The framework is split into five core modules:

# **Module 1 Organisational Supply Chain**

- How fairness, inclusion and respect (FIR) is driven down our supply chain
- Working with our supply chain to adopt the principles of FIR

# **Module 2 Site Environment**

- Raise awareness and embed the principles of FIR into current site practices
- Site facilities meet FIR requirements
- Update our clients on FIR requirements

# **Module 3 Organisational Employment**

- Ensure employment practices support and promote FIR
- Monitor employment statistics and act on the results
- Maintain FIR treatment of the workforce through recruitment practices

# Module 4 Organisational Policies & Procedures

- Compliance with the Equality Act 2010
- Ensure policies and procedures are in place to facilitate compliance
- Ensure existing policies and procedures incorporate FIR principles
- Extend our influence in FIR related matters through public relations and web activities

# **Module 5 Organisational Commitment** to FIR

- Leadership commitment to FIR requirements
- How we engage with our customers and community
- · How we influence the FIR agenda

# **Assessment**

As this is an accredited framework, an external assessor will visit Colas locations to assess our progress against the framework - this will be similar to the process used for our Investors in People assessment. The assessor will want to talk to a cross-section of employees.



# **DISCUSSION POINTS**

# Think about the importance of embracing FIR principles within Colas:

- What are the consequences of not treating people fairly and with respect?
- What are the advantages of having a diverse workforce i.e. people from different backgrounds?
- Why do fewer people with the following backgrounds work in our sector?
  - Women
  - Ethnic minorities
  - Gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender people
  - Disabled people
- What more can we do to encourage people with different backgrounds to work for Colas and other companies within our sector?

# **Be FaIR Representatives**

Representatives from across the business have taken up their BFR roles to help embed a culture of fairness, inclusion and respect and be a contact for anybody in the business that needs help or support.

# **BE FAIR REPS**

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