



The Teignbridge Community Project

Code of Conduct Policy

The Directors at The Teignbridge Community Project are responsible for ensuring that those benefiting from us or working with us are not harmed in any way. The Directors of The Teignbridge Community Project have a legal duty to act prudently, and this means that they must take all reasonable steps within their power to ensure that no one is harmed. It is particularly important where beneficiaries are vulnerable persons or children in the community.

This policy applies to all those involved in The Teignbridge Community Project, including, but not exclusively: Directors, Management, Team Leaders, Employees, Contractors and Volunteers.

Policy brief & purpose

The Teignbridge Community Project's Code of Conduct company policy outlines the expectations regarding employees' behavior towards their colleagues, volunteers, supervisors, clients, ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE, and our overall organisation. There are NO exceptions.

We promote freedom of expression and open communication. But we expect all employees to follow our code of conduct. They should avoid offending, participating in serious disputes and disrupting our workplace. We also expect them to foster a well-organised, respectful and collaborative environment.

Scope

This policy applies to all our employees regardless of employment agreement or rank.

Policy elements

What are the components of an Employee Code of Conduct Policy?

Company employees are bound by their contract to follow our Employee Code of Conduct while performing their duties. We outline the components of our Code of Conduct below:

Compliance with law

All employees must protect our company's legality. They should comply with all environmental, safety and fair dealing laws. We expect employees to be ethical and responsible when dealing with our company's finances, products, partnerships and public image.

Respect in the workplace

All employees should respect their colleagues. We won't allow any kind of discriminatory behavior, [harassment](#) or victimization. Employees should conform with our [equal opportunity policy](#) in all aspects of their work, from recruitment and performance evaluation to interpersonal relations.

Protection of Company Property

All employees should treat our company's property, whether material or intangible, with respect and care.

Employees:

- Shouldn't misuse **company equipment** or use it frivolously.
- Should respect all kinds of **incorporeal property**. This includes trademarks, copyright and other property (information, reports etc.) Employees should use them only to complete their job duties.
- Employees will not engage with any Social Media involvement that may or will put The Teignbridge Community Project into disrepute.

Employees should protect company facilities and other material property (e.g. [company cars](#)) from damage and vandalism, whenever possible.

Professionalism

All employees must show [integrity](#) and professionalism in the workplace:

- **Personal appearance**

All employees must [follow our dress code](#) and personal appearance guidelines.

- **Corruption**

We discourage employees from accepting gifts from clients or partners. We prohibit bribes for the benefit of any external or internal party. If you are offered a gift from a client or partner, please speak to a member of the safeguarding team for advice.

- **Job duties and authority**

All employees should fulfill their job duties with integrity and respect toward customers, stakeholders and the community. Supervisors and managers mustn't abuse their authority. We expect them to delegate duties to their team members taking into account their competences and workload. Likewise, we expect team members to follow team leaders' instructions and complete their duties with skill and in a timely manner.

We encourage mentoring throughout our company.

- **Absenteeism and tardiness**

Employees should follow their schedules. We can make exceptions for occasions that prevent employees from following [standard working hours or days](#). But, generally, we expect employees to be punctual when coming to and leaving from work.

- **Conflict of interest**

We expect employees to avoid any personal, financial or other interests that might hinder their capability or willingness to perform their job duties.

- **Collaboration**

Employees should be friendly and collaborative. They should try not to disrupt the workplace or present obstacles to their colleagues' work.

- **Communication**

All employees must be [open for communication](#) with their colleagues, supervisors or team members.

- **Benefits**

We expect employees to not abuse their employment benefits. This can refer to time off, insurance, facilities, subscriptions or other benefits our company offers.

- [Policies](#)

All employees should read and follow our company policies.

Disciplinary actions

Our company may have to take disciplinary action against employees who repeatedly or intentionally fail to follow our code of conduct. Disciplinary actions will vary depending on the violation.

Possible consequences include:

- Demotion.
- Reprimand.
- Suspension or [termination](#) for more serious offenses.
- Detraction of benefits for a definite or indefinite time.

We may take legal action in cases of corruption, theft, embezzlement or other unlawful behavior.

Appointed Person

An appointed person should be made known to staff, volunteers and clients alike; as the designated person to whom concerns should be addressed.

The appointed person at The Teignbridge Community Project is: Colette Palmer

Contact number: 07790930938

If the concern is about this designated person, please report to: **Anna Lofthouse**

Contact number: 07445158419

Reviewed: 1st August 2024

Next Review: 1st August 2026

Signed:



Colette Palmer, Director

Date: 1st August 2024

Signed:



Anna Lofthouse, Director

Date: 1st August 2024