



Latest Group Community Interest Company Editorial Guidelines

OUR VALUES

- We have a duty to our audience to adhere to the highest editorial elements.
- We have a right to Freedom of Expression as in the European Convention on Human Rights Act 1998. We will balance this freedom of expression against our responsibilities to our audience and to our reporters
- We will use the highest standards of journalism – integrity, impartiality, professional judgement and fair and accurate coverage,
- Our output shows a breadth and diversity of opinion
- We stand independent of outside interests
- We will protect as far as possible vulnerable groups to avoid offence
- We respect people’s privacy, particularly the young or the vulnerable
- We will ensure dignity for all contributors

As a public service broadcaster we are regulated by OFCOM.
Complaints can be made in the first instance to the Executive Producer of the programme.
Where this cannot be resolved it will be referred to the CEO.
If unresolved at this stage, a complaint can be made to OFCOM who will investigate and adjudicate.



Accuracy

- We strive to achieve due accuracy in all programming
- Content will be well-sourced and based on sound evidence
- We will gather material using first-hand sources wherever possible. check facts and statistics and validate the authenticity of documentary evidence and digital material.
- We will corroborate claims and allegations made by contributors wherever possible
- We avoid unfounded speculation
- We will never knowingly mislead
- We acknowledge any factual errors and correct them as soon as possible

Impartiality

- We are committed to achieving due impartiality in our output.
- We will be inclusive, incorporating a broad range of views
- We will reflect a wide range of subject matter
- We will give due weight to events, opinion and the main strands of the argument
- We will apply all the above in social media posting

Diversity – see also The Latest Group CIC Equal Opportunities Policy

- We are totally committed to inclusivity, welcoming all to our studios
- We are a LOCAL community channel and will seek to represent all members of the community in a fair and dignified way
- Our content will reflect diversity and be respectful and open to all
- We will make every effort for involvement in the channel to be accessible to all



User generated content

As a community-based channel we will provide opportunity to those who wish to provide content. Our ‘You make it, We show it’ policy will be implemented in line with our principles of inclusivity, openness and respect

- We will be open, honest, straightforward and fair in our dealings with sources, contributors, potential contributors and audiences
- We seek the informed consent of our contributors.

Roles and Responsibilities

All managers, producers reporters, studio staff and contributors have a responsibility to follow and implement this policy

The CIC Director has responsibility overall to ensure compliance.

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