

Running Good Groups

Code of
Conduct



Booklet

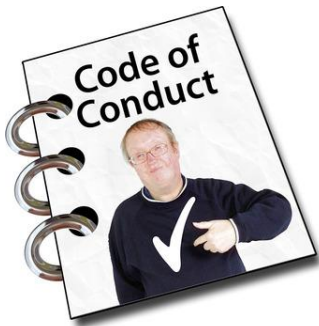
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What is a Code of Conduct?

A Code of Conduct is a set of rules or guidelines that make sure groups run in a way that:

- Protects people's rights
- Supports people to respect each other
- Supports everyone to get a fair say
- Explains how the group is run



Sometimes groups write lists of rules that are very strict or negative and only talk about the things people cannot do. Groups with rules like this do not run very well.

A Code of Conduct is about writing good rules or guidelines that support people to be valued, respected and to have their say in their groups.

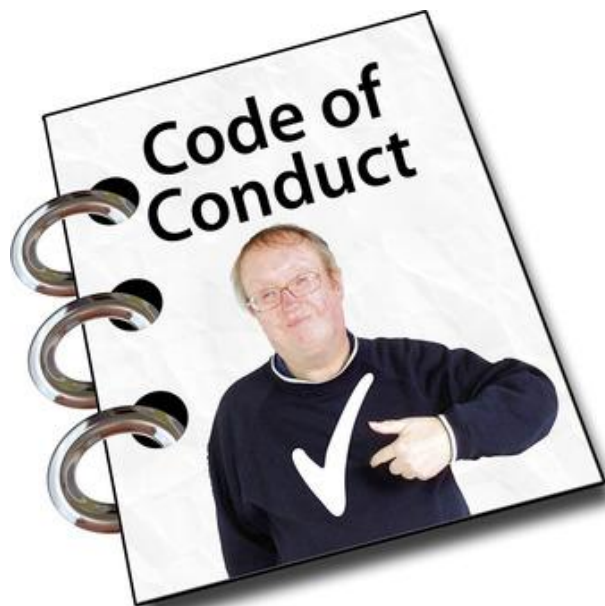




Why Have a Code of Conduct?

A Code of Conduct helps groups to make sure that:

- Members know their rights in the group
- All people are treated with respect
- Members are supported to have their say and have their ideas listened to
- Everyone gets information in ways they can understand
- No-one is bullied, abused or treated badly
- Meetings run well
- People are not discriminated against





What should be in a Code of Conduct?

Here are some things that different groups put in their Code of Conduct:



- We will treat all members with equal respect.

Respect means being polite, treating people as an equal and valuing their ideas and decisions.

- We will not discriminate against men and women, people from different backgrounds, people with or without disabilities, people of different ages, sexuality etc.



- We will run meetings in a way that supports everyone to have their say and be heard.



- We will respect the opinions and ideas of all group members.
- We will help people to get information in ways they can understand.
- We understand that everyone is different.



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