

# Employment Equity Audit: LR Symposium

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# Workshop Description

- Why is it Important to do an Employment Equity Audit (EE Audit)?
- How to Engage a Third Party
- How to Implement Recommendations from the Audit
- How to Create an Action Plan

# What is an employment equity Audit? - the “Why”

YRDSB - Commitment to Employment Equity

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# The Benefits of an Employment Equity Audit

- Increased student success and well-being (from a diverse workforce)
- Strengthened confidence in public education
- Strengthened employee relations and confidence in School Board as an employer of choice
- Improved image as an employer of choice
- Improved employee job satisfaction, engagement and productivity
- Increased creativity and innovation

# Overview

- Consultants retained to conduct an Employment Equity Audit
- Analysis of qualitative and quantitative data (Methodology)

# Priority Areas

- Priority 1: Diversify the workforce at all levels
- Priority 2: Create more equitable policies and practices
- Priority 3: Create a more inclusive and welcoming work environment
- Priority 4: Strengthen the organization's equity infrastructure

# Types of Barriers

- Systemic/Institutional Barriers
- Cultural Barriers
- Attitudinal Barriers

# 3 Main Components

1. Review of Policies and Regulations
2. Review of Recruitment and Selection Processes and Practices
3. Employee Perspectives: “Employee Engagement”



# Employee Perspectives Survey

- Are our employment systems fair or perceived to be fair by our employees?
- Do our organizational practices and leadership behaviours differ from our policies and EDI commitment?
- Does our workplace make employees feel welcomed, valued and allow them to fully contribute?

# Survey Themes

- Hiring Process
- Accommodations
- Work Environment
- Corporate Culture

# Courageous Dialogue & Recommendations

- From theory to practical implementation
- Building shared understandings of core principles
- Navigating criticism and resistance

# Questions/Comments