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Below is a detailed checklist to assess and improve your organisation's Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI). This checklist covers various aspects of DEI and Belonging can help identify areas that require improvement:

By following this basic checklist and action plan, you can assess your organisation's current level of DEI, measure progress toward your goals, and identify areas for improvement to create a more inclusive and equitable workplace.

A. Assessment Checklist for Diversity Equity and Inclusion

Compliance:

Leadership Commitment:

- Is there visible commitment from senior leadership to diversity and inclusion initiatives?
- Are diversity and inclusion goals integrated into the organization's strategic plan?

Policies and Procedures:

- Do company policies prohibit discrimination and harassment based on race, gender, age, sexual orientation, disability, etc.?
- Are there clear procedures for reporting incidents of discrimination or harassment?

Recruitment and Hiring:

- Is there diversity in the applicant pool for job openings?
- Are diverse candidates represented in the hiring process and final selections?

Employee Training and Development:

- Is diversity and inclusion training provided to all employees?
- Are there opportunities for career advancement for employees from diverse backgrounds?

Workplace Culture:

- Is there a culture of inclusivity where all employees feel valued and respected?
- Are there employee resource groups or affinity networks for underrepresented groups?

Pay Equity:

- Is there transparency in pay practices to ensure equitable compensation for all employees?
- Are there regular audits to identify and address any pay disparities based on gender, race, etc.?

Supplier Diversity:

- Does the organisation prioritize working with diverse suppliers?
- Are there initiatives to support minority-owned businesses in procurement processes?

Community Engagement:

- Does the organisation actively engage with diverse communities through outreach programs or partnerships?
- Are there initiatives to give back to underprivileged communities?

B. Performance Measurement Checklist for DEI:

Representation:

- What is the diversity breakdown across different levels of the organization?
- Are there any disparities in representation that need to be addressed?

Employee Satisfaction Surveys:

- Are there questions related to diversity and inclusion included in employee satisfaction surveys?
- What is the feedback from employees regarding the organisation's D&I efforts?

Retention Rates:

- What are the retention rates for employees from different demographic groups?
- Are there any trends that indicate challenges in retaining diverse talent?

Promotion Rates:

- Are employees from diverse backgrounds equally represented in promotions?
- Are there any barriers preventing diverse employees from advancing in their careers?

External Recognition:

- Has the organisation received any awards or recognition for its diversity and inclusion efforts?
- What is the perception of the organisation's D&I initiatives in the industry or community?

Benchmarking:

- How do the organisation's DEI metrics compare to industry benchmarks?
- Are there areas where the organization lags behind peers that need improvement?

C. Action Plan for Future Improvements by Working with

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Identify Priority Areas:

- Based on the audit findings, prioritise areas that require immediate attention.
- Focus on initiatives that can have the most significant impact on improving diversity and inclusion.

Set Clear Goals:

- Establish measurable goals for DEI initiatives, such as increasing representation or reducing bias in hiring.
- Ensure that goals are specific, achievable, and aligned with the organisation's objectives.

Allocate Resources:

- Allocate sufficient resources, to support DEI initiatives including budget, time, and personnel.
- Consider investing in training, technology, or external partnerships to drive progress.

Implement Action Plan:

- Develop a timeline for implementing each initiative and assign responsibility to designated individuals or teams.
- Monitor progress regularly and make adjustments as needed to stay on track.

Communicate Progress:

- Transparently communicate progress on DEI initiatives to all stakeholders- nominate one key stakeholder to track ERG progress.
- Celebrate achievements and milestones to maintain momentum and motivation.

Continuous Improvement:

- Regularly review and update the action plan based on feedback, changing priorities, or new insights.
- Foster a culture of continuous improvement where DEI is valued and embedded in all aspects of the organisation.

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