

SECTOR-WIDE EDI SURVEY INSIGHTS AND BEST PRACTICE





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Energy & Utility Skills Partnership: CEO Survey & Inclusion Commitment

Measurement Framework: 2021 Data Collection Summary

February 2021 [Commercially Sensitive]

Context

- 32 sector organisations companies launched the commitment in February 2019;
- Additional companies have since signed up to the commitment;
- 50 companies have now agreed to 5 key principles;
- 2021 sees the first sector-wide EDI CEO survey.



Key Principle Measurement

Measure & be transparent about progress in our organisations & as a sector.

Data Measurement Starting Point

RAENG Measurement Framework

Leadership

Measures 1-4

- Percentage of diverse direct reports at all levels
- Percentage of leaders or people managers with strategic DSI objectives in their performance measures
- Percentage of leader or manager roles with inclusive behaviours defined as a required competency
- Percentage of those in leadership roles who are active and visible DGI advocates and role models



Attraction & recruitment

Measures 5-9

- 5 Percentage of diverse applicants at each stage of the recruitment process.
- 6 Percentage of interviewers that have completed company recruitment training that includes DS/ and blas awareness.
- 7 Percentage of diverse interviewers or assessors conducting assessment days or panels
- Percentage of advertised roles that are inclusive by design, specification and the absence of bias
- Percentage of advertised roles that use a range of channels to attract candicates

Retention

Measures 10-13

- 10 Percentage of joiners compared to percentage of leavers, by diversity characteristic
- Percentage of employees that indicate a positive employee experience, by diversity characteristic
- Percentage of formal flexible working requests approved
- Percentage of bullying and harassment, grievance and disciplinary cases upheld



Progression

Measures 14-16

- Percentage of employees who have progressed (via grade change, out-of-cycle pay increase or significant responsibility increase) by diversity characteristic
- 15 Percentage of roles filled by internal candidates rather than external candidates, by diversity characteristic
- Percentage of each diversity characteristic that takes up training and development opportunities, compared to representation in the workforce



Data Measurement Focus

Protected Characteristics

Gender Disability Religion

Ethnicity Age Sexual Orientation

Gender Reassignment

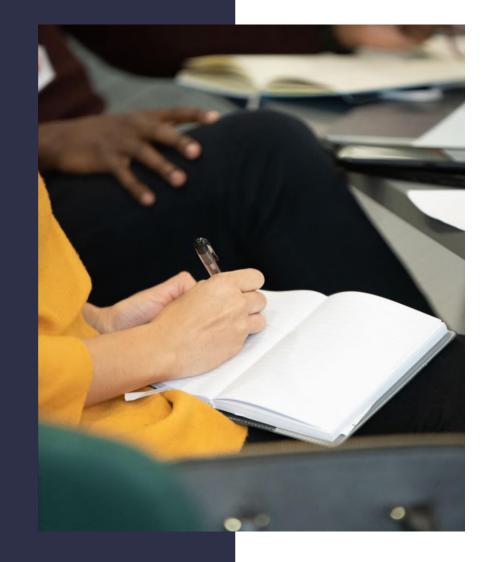
Marriage / Civil Partnership

Pregnancy / Maternity

2020 Recap

Last year's process demonstrated:

- 86% response rate from companies (24/28)
- Poor relative representation of women in leadership positions
- BAME candidates being diluted out through the recruitment process



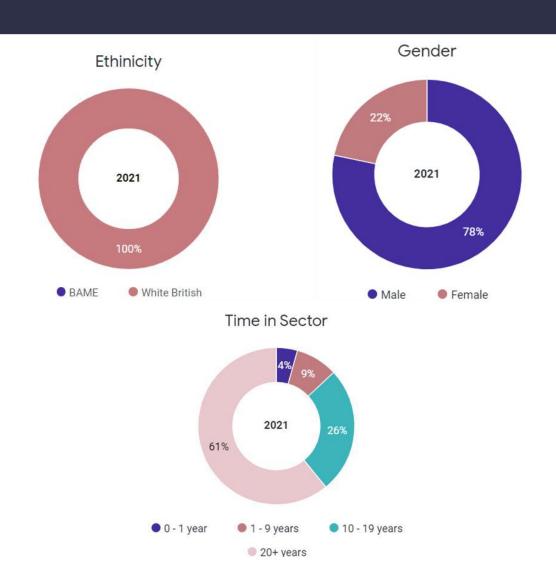
The outcomes of 2020's process were followed by a firm commitment from Council CEOs

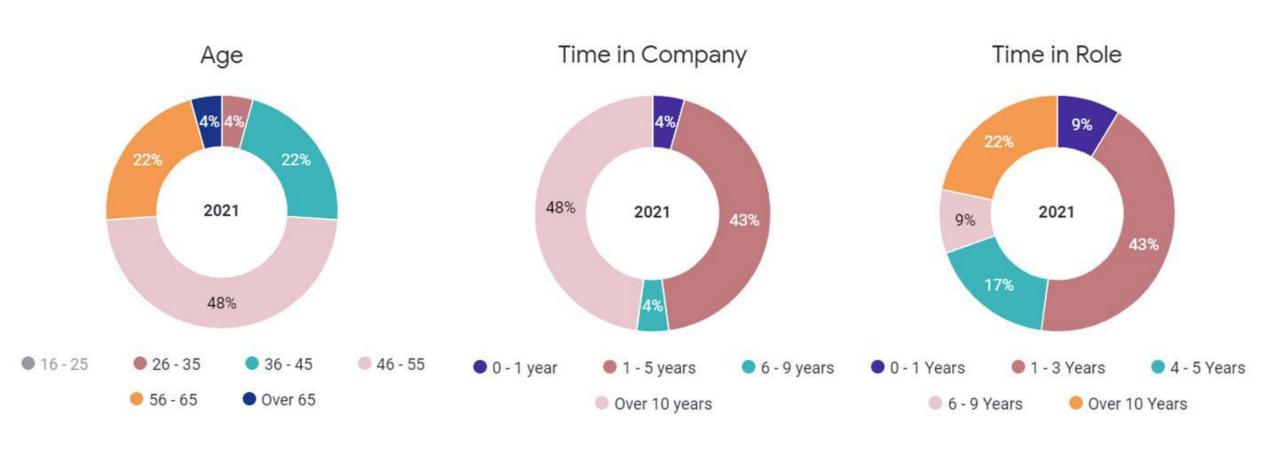
CEO Survey

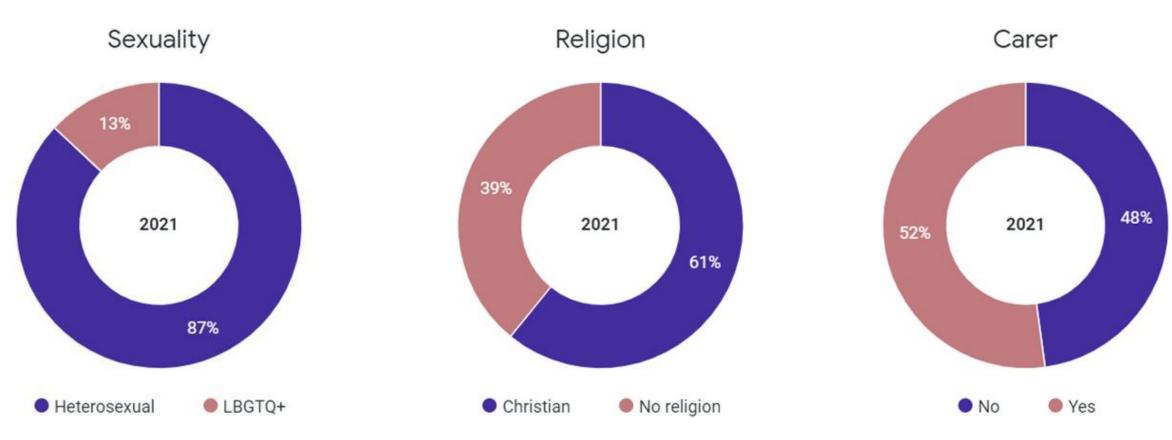
CEO Survey Findings: High Level

Demographic data obtained by TEG from 23 sector CEOs shows that:

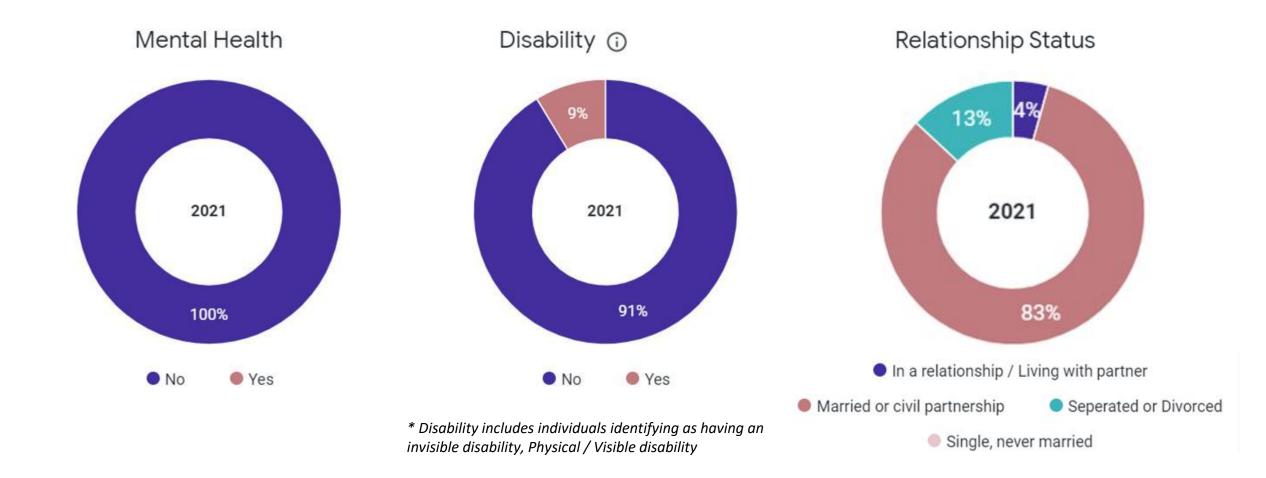
- 22% of total respondents to the survey identify as female
- 100% of total respondents to the survey identify as White British
- 61% of respondents have spent +20 years in the sector

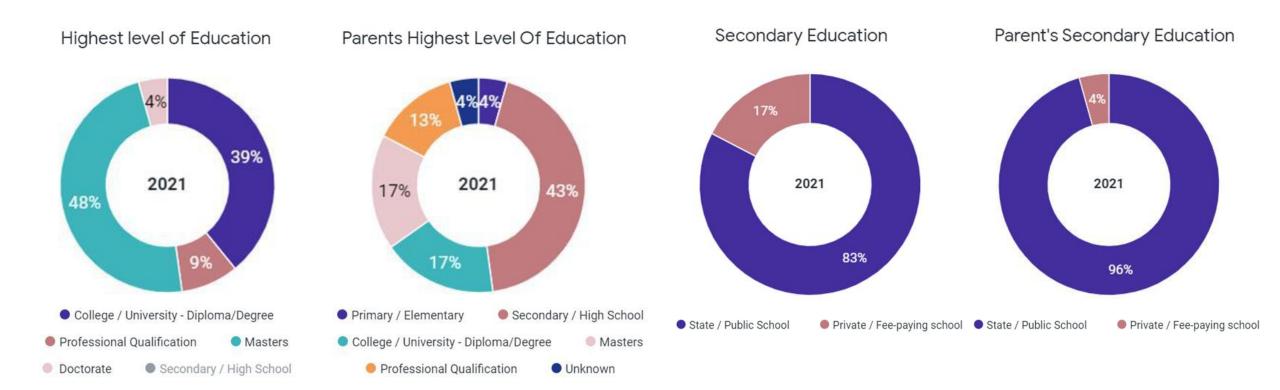




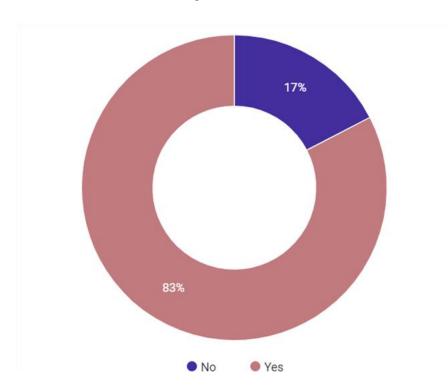


^{*} LGBTQ+ - includes individuals identifying as Asexual and Bisexual

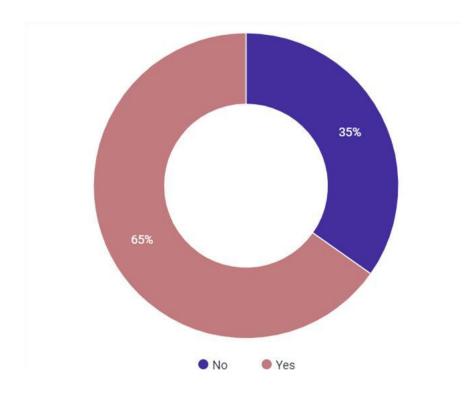




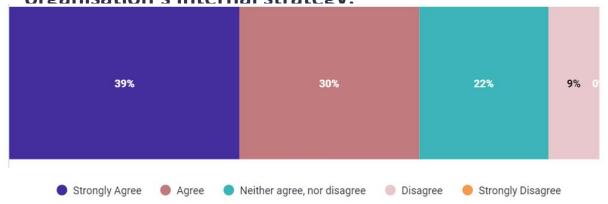
Direct sponsor for any EDI initiatives / interventions



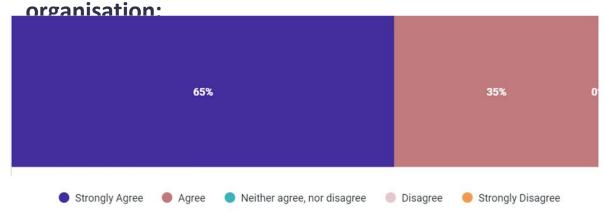
Completed unconscious bias / an alternative EDI specific training in the last 12 months



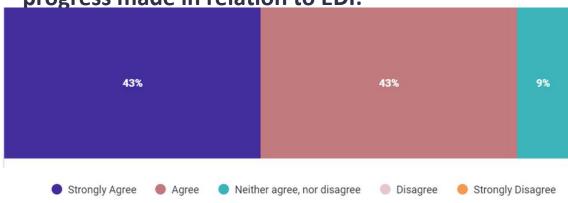
When speaking about EDI, I always publicly link EDI to my organisation's internal strategy:



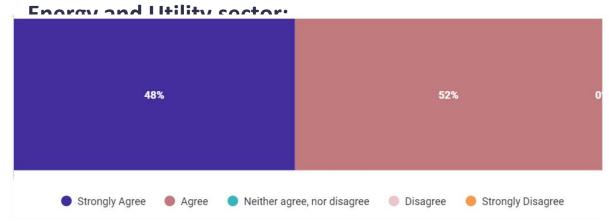
I fully understand my personal role in driving EDI within my



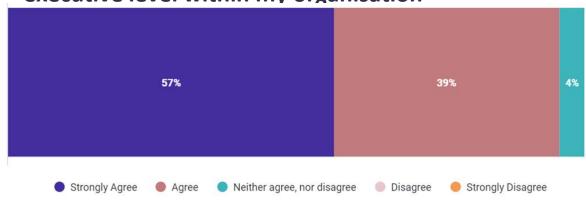
I hold direct reports to account for progress / lack of progress made in relation to EDI:



I can fully articulate the importance of EDI to the



I personally ensure that EDI is prioritised at the executive level within my organisation



Board Training

Coaching and Sponsorship

Mentoring / Reverse Mentoring

One to One Conversations with Network
/ Resource Group Rep(s)

Role Modelling equality, diversity and inclusion behaviours

Sponsorship of Employee Networks / Resource Group(s)

All of the Above

None

EDI actions personally taken to enhance

understanding of EDI issues

- 0

All	Comfortable Addressing 14	Have Mentored Individuals 0
Age	23	8
Disability	22	6
Gender Reassignment	16	0
Marriage and Civil Partnership	21	2
Pregnancy and Maternity	18	7
Race	18	6
Sex	17	5
Sexual Orientation	18	5
Religion or Belief	18	2
None	0	6

CEO Opinion: Companies Do Well

- The right conversations are now being had
- Leadership teams are committed to making and sustaining meaningful change
- Infrastructure is largely in place (committees, training, comms, ERGs, etc)
- Recruitment and attraction is improving

"Support inclusion and equality at a senior level with genuine attempts to improve."

"Champions this agenda in our back office and corporate functions"

"Recruitment, promotion and support of D&I groups within the business, all with executive leadership support"

A broad sense that the right conversations are being had and there are signs of progress being made in some areas, although there is a long way to go.

CEO Opinion: Companies Could Do Better

- More visible diversity in senior leadership
- More proactivity needed to make faster progress in this area
- Better communication and visible support for EDI initiatives will accelerate change
- Embedding EDI in culture (similar to safety)

"Engaging with field operatives and site staff"

"Better understanding of needs and wants of under represented groups"

"Raise awareness of differences and encourage people to be curious about D&I and not afraid of it"

Several areas highlighted as needing improvement (such as executive recruitment, culture and progression), with views that awareness and education would enable this.

CEO Opinion: Desired Focus for Next Year

- Wider efforts to attract from other areas and industries (not just focus on schools)
- More focus on retention of diverse groups
- A stronger focus on culture and inclusion, rather than just diversity
- Understanding and meeting diverse needs

"The industry could work collectively rather than just individually on these issues."

"Front line operational awareness and inclusion - stopping the 'banter'"

"Succession planning for our industry as a whole .in a manner that reflects the communities we live and work in."

CEOs encouraged a more holistic approach to EDI, with suggestions for broadening outreach and using EDI to aide succession planning and address the skills shortage.

CEO Opinion: Additional Thoughts

"Given the even greater challenges of securing great people for our sector this has got to be the golden opportunity"

"Branding energy and

utilities as less white male"

"We have some way to go but there's lots of positive examples and progress which we can learn from - and we shouldn't be afraid to take that!"

"What more can the sector do to present itself as a welcoming environment in harder to reach communities - and how encourage more STEM skills to be developed by these groups earlier on."

"It is critical for building the workforce of the future."

"Clearly we have the same challenges across the sector and there's a big opportunity to promote a positive image about net zero, collaboration and opportunities in the sector"

> "The industry could work collectively rather than just individually on these issues."

High Level Data

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Overview

Company
Submissions 29 /
36 (81%)

CEO Survey 23 / 42 (55%)

Sector View



12 Submissions

29 Company Submissions – 12 / 29 (41%)



9 Submissions

29 Company Submissions – 9 / 29 (31%)



7 Submissions

29 Company Submissions – 7 / 29 (24%)



16 Submissions

29 Company Submissions – 16 / 29 (55%)



4 Submissions

29 Company Submissions – 4 / 29 (14%)

High Level Data - Yearly Comparison

2020

Company Submissions 24 / 28 (86%)

Gender 29% / 71% (Female / Male)

Ethnicity
4% / 96% (BAME / White British)

Gender - Attraction 2020: 25/75 v 2021: 27/72/1* - 2%↑

Gender - Recruitment 2020: 30/70 v 2021: 31/69 - 1%↑ 2021

Company Submissions 29 / 36 (81%) - 5%↓

Gender 28% / 72% (Female / Male) - 1%↓

Ethnicity
4% / 96% (BAME / White British)

Ethnicity - Attraction 2020: 23/77 v 2021: 22/78 - 1%↓

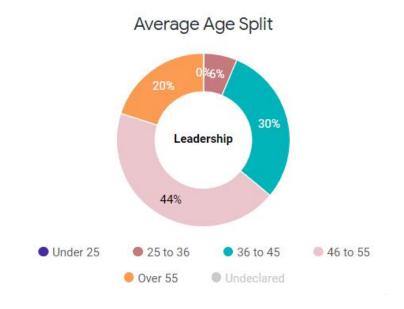
Ethnicity - Recruitment 2020: 11/89 v 2021: 14/86 - 3%

High Level Data - Yearly Comparison

2020		2021	
Leaders that completed EDI training in the last 12 months	48%	Leaders that completed EDI training in the last 12 months	45% - <mark>3%</mark> ↓
Leaders with inclusive behaviours as a formal required competence	50%	Leaders with inclusive behaviours as a formal required competence	34% - 16% ↓
Job advertisements that use specialist recruitment channels	60%	Job advertisements that use specialist recruitment channels	24% - <mark>36%</mark> ↓
Job vacancies filled by internal candidates	36%	Job vacancies filled by internal candidates	27 % - <mark>9%</mark> ↓

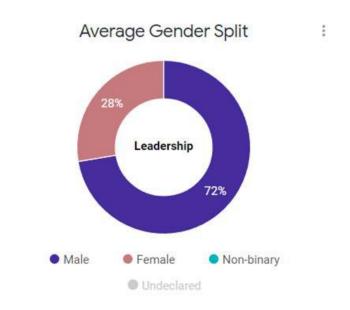
Overall: Leadership

Age



Under 25	26-35	36-45	46-55	Over 55	Undeclared
0%	6%	29%	43%	20%	1%
Max – 1% Min – 0%	Max – 17% Min – 0%	Max – 53% Min – 12%	Max – 63% Min – 24%	Max – 40% Min – 3%	Max – 29% Min – 0%

Gender



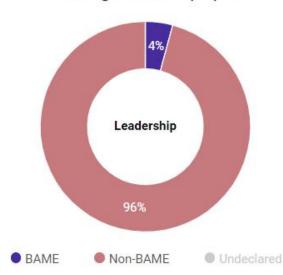
Male	Female	Non-Binary
72%	28%	0%
Max- 94% Min - 54%	Max – 46% Min – 6%	Max – 0% Min – 0%

Ethnicity = 97% (28) Disability = 79% (23)

Overall: Leadership

Ethnicity

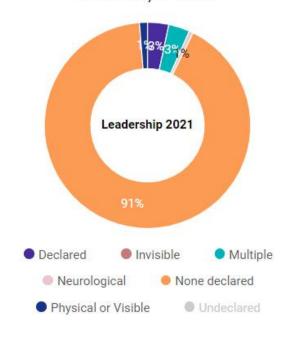
Average Ethnicity Split



BAME	Non-BAME	Undeclared
3%	75%	22%
Max – 15% Min – 0%	Max- 100% Min - 0%	Max – 100% Min – 0%

Disability





No Declared Disability	Declared Disability	Physical/ Visible Disability
44%	2%	1%
Max – 99% Min – 0%	Max – 6% Min – 0%	Max – 5% Min – 0%
Neurological Disability	Invisible Disability	Multiple Disabilities
0%	0%	2%
Max – 3%	Max - 0%	Max – 16%

Min - 0%

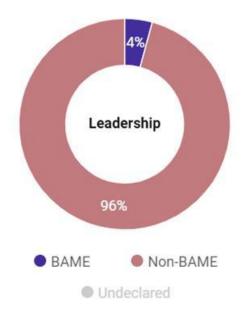
Min - 0%

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Overall: Leadership

Ethnicity Breakdown

Average Ethnicity Split



		Mixed			
Asian /	Black /	Heritage /	White /		
Asian	Black	Multiple	White		
British	British	Ethnicities	British	Other	Undeclared
2.30%	0.52%	0.65%	73.16%	1.96%	21.29%

Completion Rates

Sexual Orientation = 72% (21) Religion = 69% (20)

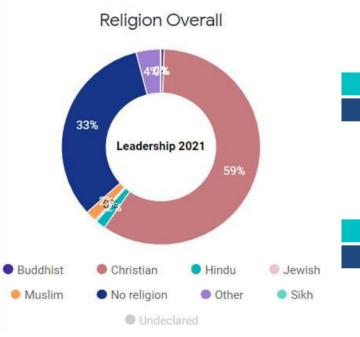
Overall: Leadership

Sexual Orientation

Sexuality Overall Gay Woman Gay Man **Bisexual** Max- 2% Max - 3% Max - 0% Leadership 2021 Min - 0% Min – 0% Min - 0% Gay Man Gay Woman Bisexual Heterosexual Other Oueer Undeclared

Heterosexual	Queer	Other	Undeclared
49%	0%	0%	51%
Max – 95% Min – 18%	Max – 0% Min – 0%	Max – 0% Min – 0%	Max - 82% Min - 0%

Religion



Buddhist	Christian	Hindu
0%	33%	1%
Max – 2% Min – 0%	Max- 55% Min - 11%	Max – 3% Min – 0%

Jewish	Muslim	No Religion
0%	1%	18%
Max – 1% Min – 0%	Max- 3% Min - 0%	Max – 41% Min – 8%

Sikh	Other	Undeclared
0%	2%	44%
Max – 0% Min – 0%	Max- 5% Min - 0%	Max - 72% Min - 2%

Overall: Leadership

Leaders that have completed EDI training in the last 12 months



45%

17/29 (58%) Response

Leaders with inclusive behaviours as a formal required competence



34%

8/29 (28%) Response

Job advertisements that use specialist recruitment channels



24%

7/29 (24%) Response

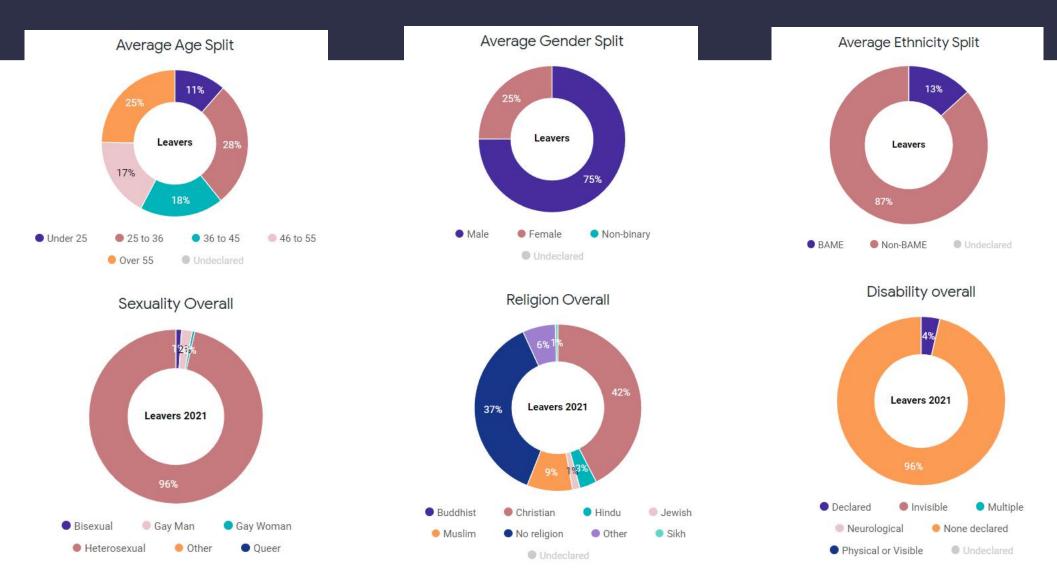
Job vacancies filled by internal candidates



27%

15/29 (52%) Response

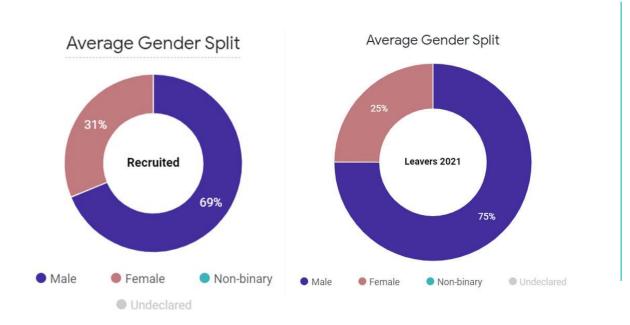
Overall: Leavers

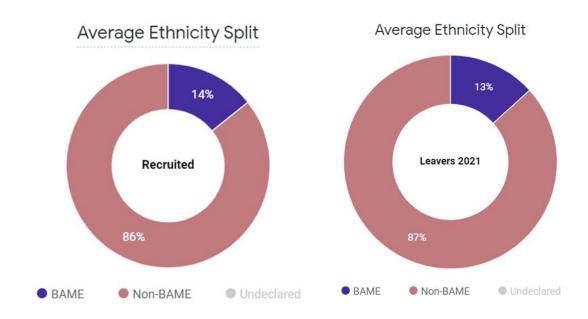


Overall: Retention (Proxy - Net Movement)

Gender

Ethnicity



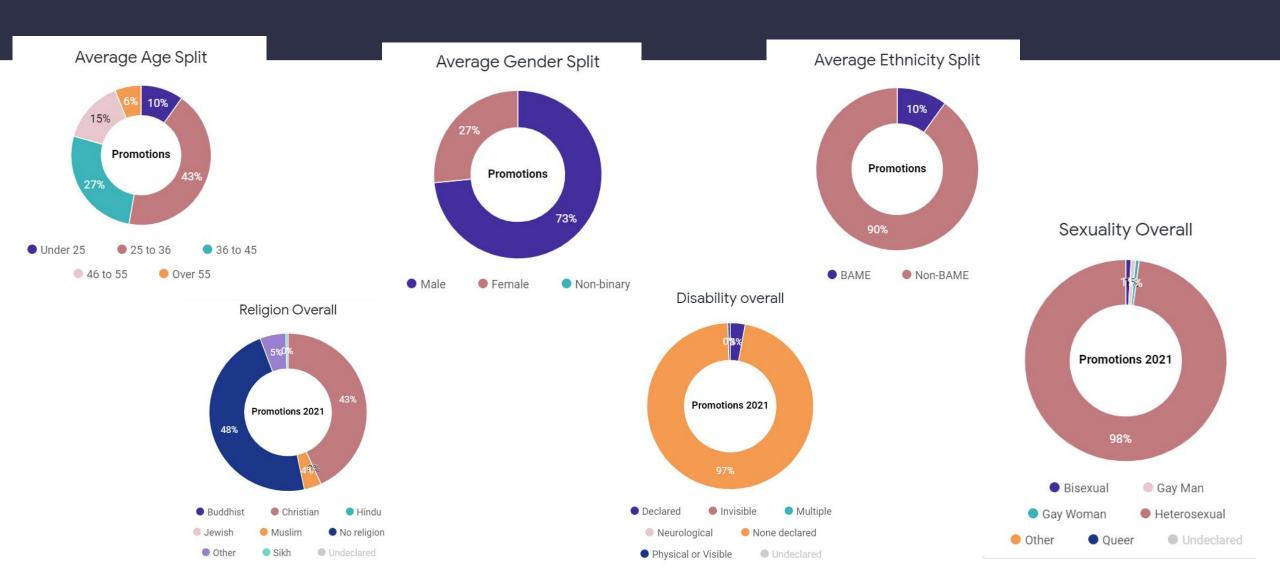


Net movement of around +6% for Female workforce

Net movement of around +1% for BAME workforce

90% of employees promoted are non-BAME
 73% are male
 98% are Heterosexual

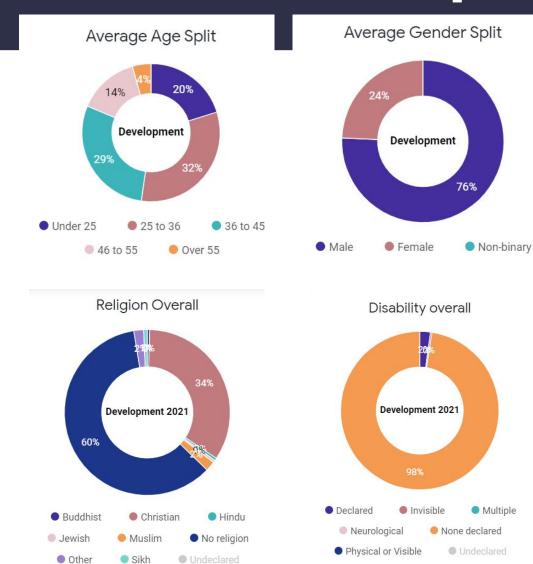
Overall: Promotions

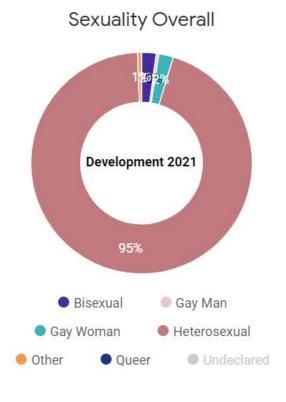


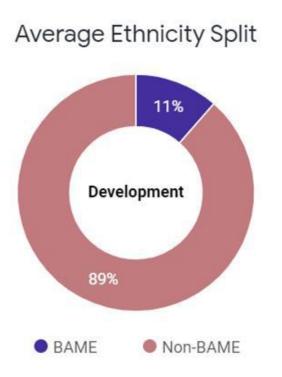
Around 24% of employees on a management development programme are female
- 11% are BAME

- About 4% are over 55

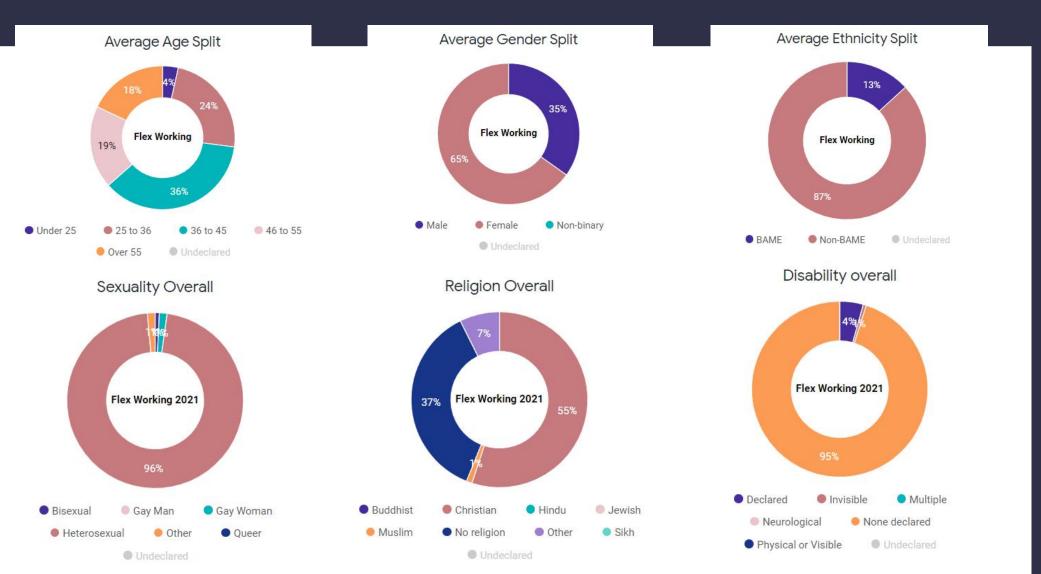
Overall: Development







Overall: Flexible Working



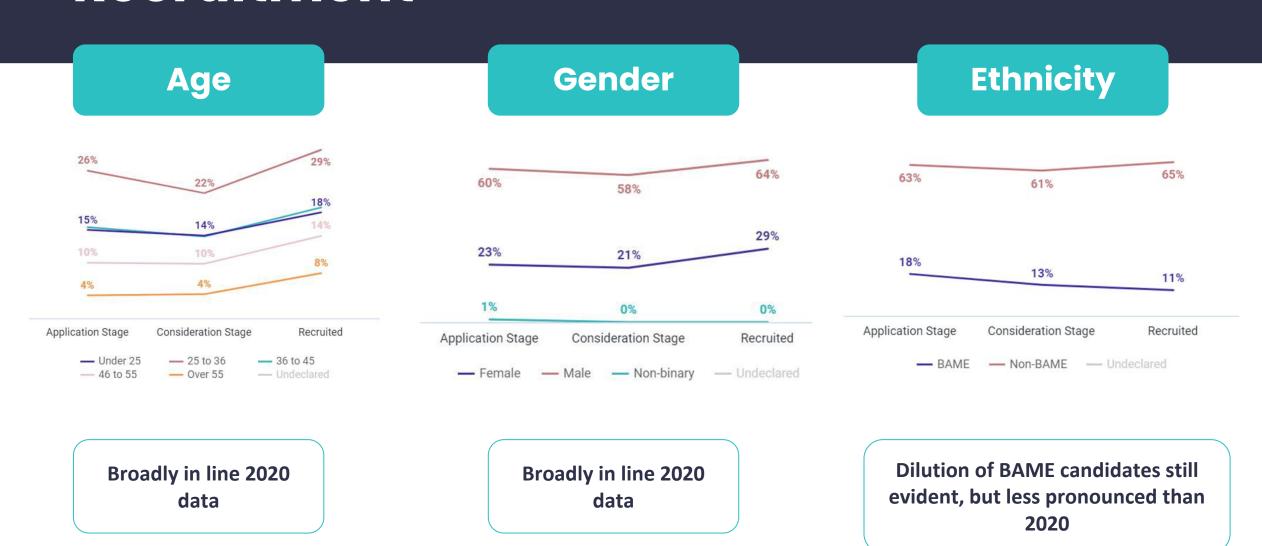
- An average of 4% of the flex workers are under 25
- About 35% are Male
- Around 87% of the flex workers are non-BAME
- About 95% do not have any declared disability

Overall: Bullying & Harassment



No data was provided for Gender, Ethnicity, Religion and disability

Recruitment

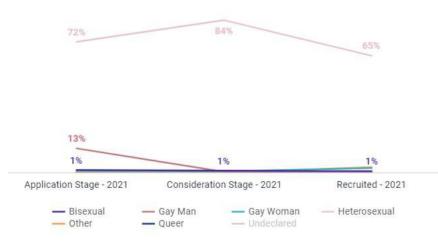


Recruitment

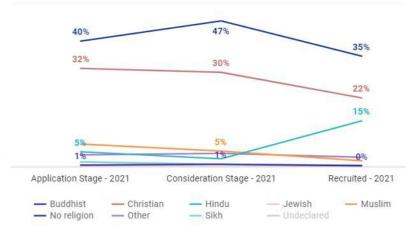
Disability

2% 2% 2% Application Stage - 2021 Consideration Stage - 2021 Recruited - 2021 — Declared — Neurological — None declared — Physical or Visible — Undeclared

Sexual Orientation



Religion



Consistent representation of disabled people across the recruitment process

Significant dilution of Gay Men across the recruitment process (13% to 0%)

Apparent dilution of Christian and Muslim candidates, with significant recruitment of Hindu candidates

Next Steps

Data Review

42 Companies have signed up to the commitment, only 29 companies engaged in the data collection exercise.

There is a need for CEOs to lead this and ensure sufficient traction and progress.

CEO Council

Feedback was provided to the December 2021 CEO Council, with those present lending their support to continued data tracking.

The CEOs agreed to a 2 week extension to increase the survey response rate.

2022 Priority Setting

How do we ensure the sector is appealing to different genders and ethnicities?

What commitment is there to challenging and improving recruitment (and other) processes?

Thank You



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Case Study

In the beginning

January 2017















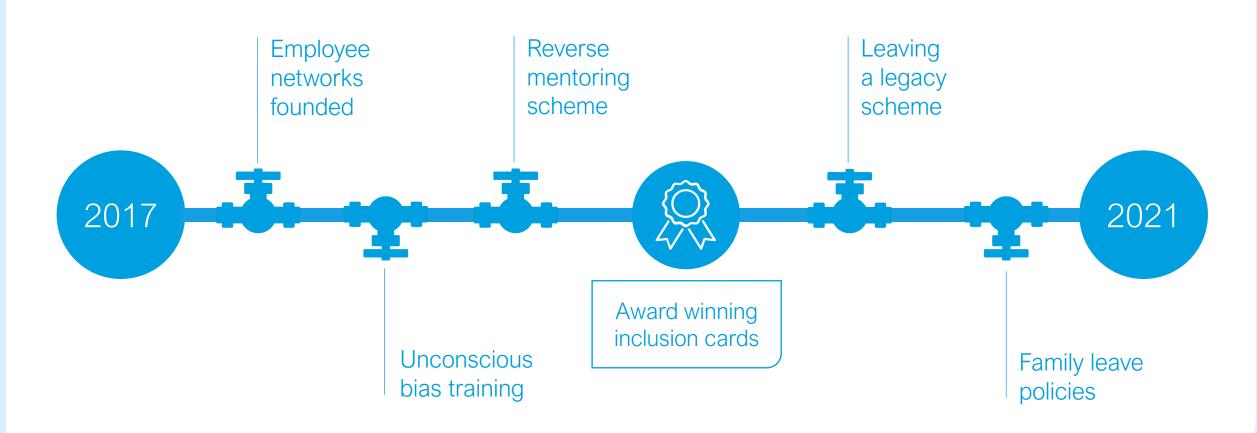


75% recommend TW as an inclusive equal opportunity employer

70% employee engagement index score

Embedding systemic change

Thames Water: an inclusive great place to work



Ongoing estates and facilities improvements to ensure hubs are accessible and inclusive with gender neutral toilets and changing rooms and prayer facilities

Present day

September 2021



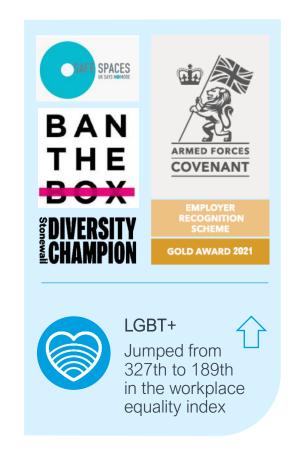






9% Exec







1 83% recommend TW as an inclusive equal opportunity employer

75% employee engagement index score

Future plans

2025 and beyond

Targets:

45%

females overall, in STEM roles and at ML5+ including leaders and their DR's

15%

BAME employees at ML5+ including leaders and their DR's 80%

employee engagement for Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic, Disabled, Female, Faith, LGBT+ and Parttime employees 80%

citing Thames Water as an inclusive employer of choice including across characteristics 0%

experiencing bullying, harassment, discrimination or victimisation across characteristics

Actions:



Embedding inclusion education and cultural awareness programme this includes positive action leadership development and reverse mentoring



Annual policy and process reviews making improvements where feasible



Annual employee engagement survey with analysis and focus groups



Thank you

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A report detailing these results and supporting recommendations will be published following today's webinar. Which of these recommendations would you prioritise:

Collecting wider workforce data to provide total workforce comparisons (not just the specific framework measures)

10%

Targeted development programmes aimed at women and Ethnic Minorities to close the representation and gender/ethnicity pay gaps

24%

Scrutinising the recruitment process to understand the filtering out of Ethnic Minority applicants

3%

Do more to build trust with our workforces and our EDI efforts to improve data declaration rates

17%

Encourage workforce engagement with EDI training/taking the next step to introduce "Conscious Inclusion" (rather than "Unconscious Bias") training.

24%

Sector collaboration to drive change, challenging ourselves to do things differently, by sharing best practice and delivering sector priorities.

21%

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What actions have you undertaken that are positively impacting diversity & inclusion in your organisations?

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Taking a deep dive into the data,	StorytellingDevelop networks, Collaborations with other organisations across the sector, Process with reviews.
emplyee led groups	
setting up employee networks - it over the years	t has been a slow progcess though! webinars where colleagues have shared personal stories - have grown in bravery
Built a new strategy with feedbac	ck from Colleagues and the community
Introduction of employee networ	ks, as well as reverse mentoring conversations for Divisional Board members
Activity and initiatives calendar, e	engagement with networks, collaboration with clients
Created network groups for wom	nen and REACH
Reviews of recruitment processe	es and unconscious bias training
Active networks and lunch and le	earns including 'is it ok to ask?'
DEI Champions, Storytelling, Web	pinars
Run an Expect Respect campaign	n across all colleagues; new inclusion networks
Engaging with external partners	on specialist issues
Non-binding targets over the nex	t 4 years Networks
Networks	
Inclusion champions, Network G	roups, Storytelling, D&I calendar/comms
Employee led awareness session	ns

Unconscious bias training, D&I training, updated job adverts for new recruits	
Conversations about - focused conversations in safe space	
story telling	
Our diversity groups, set up and led by our people - Yammer	

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Do you support utilising the measurement framework as our baseline measure to measure progress moving forward? 25 🚨

Yes 100%

No

0%



ANY QUESTIONS?

Please ask your questions in the meeting chat



THANK YOU

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