

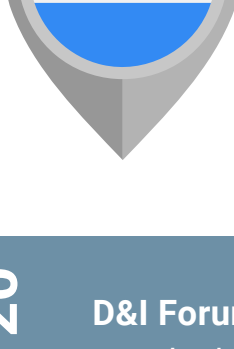
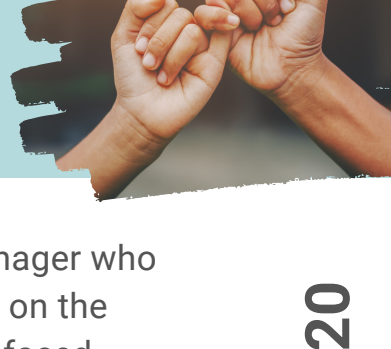
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: OUR JOURNEY SO FAR



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JUL 20

Pledge - Our CEO and the Board made the commitment to listen and learn in order to evaluate, inform and improve our corporate and individual behaviours.

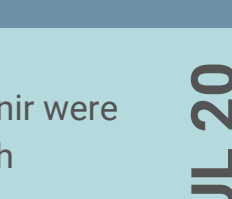


Personal Perspective - We spoke to a Senior Manager who gave us an honest and reflective article speaking on the experiences of her family and the obstacles they faced moving from Botswana to Birmingham in the 80's. This paved the way and inspired our personal perspective series.

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D&I Forum - Our monthly forum was set up to allow employees to speak about topics surrounding D&I. Training is provided in some sessions, while others are debate and conversation.



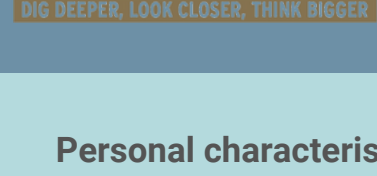
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Appointment of a D&I Partner - Avenir were appointed to support our journey with training and coaching.

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AUG 20

Eight Ambassadors were appointed to serve as champions for D&I in each office, with our Executive D&I Ambassador taking the lead on initiatives.



Our Personal Perspectives series for **Black History Month** gave a platform for employees to share their lived experiences.

OCT 20

NOV 20

Personal characteristics updated - Our forms and compliance system were improved to increase the options available for identification i.e. Black British, Mixed Race British, Non-Binary.



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D&I Diagnostic Survey - Employees took part in a specialist D&I survey to determine the starting point for our D&I strategy. The outcome led to the training programmes that were developed for 2021 - Inclusive Leadership, Inclusive Teams and De-biasing Recruitment.

DEC 20

FEB 21

LGBT+ History Month - We spoke with members of the LGBTQIA+ community within Venn Group to gain an insight of their lived experiences.



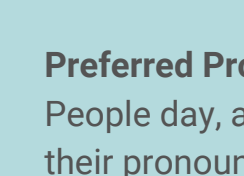
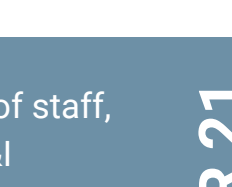
International Women's Day

International Women's Day - We held a panel event where female members of the senior leadership team spoke about their careers, any obstacles they faced and how they overcame them.

MAR 21

APR 21

Personal Perspective - Ahead of Eid, we heard from one of our employees to gain an understanding of Islam, Ramadan and to find out how he was planning to celebrating the Islamic festival of Eid.



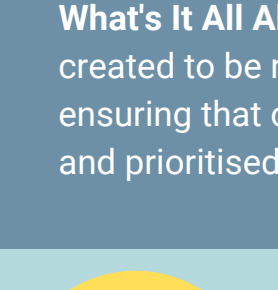
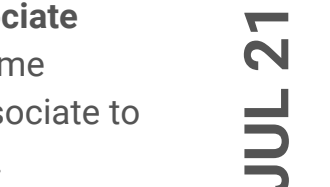
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Initial D&I Training completed - 191 members of staff, including management, completed bespoke D&I training programmes delivered by Avenir: Inclusive Leadership & Inclusive Teams.

APR 21

JUL 21

Preferred Pronouns - In conjunction with Non-Binary People day, all Venn Group employees are now able to add their pronouns to their email sign off should they wish to.



Diversity, Inclusion & Engagement Associate appointed - We appointed our first full-time Diversity, Inclusion and Engagement Associate to continue to drive our ambitious strategy.

JUL 21

SEP 21

What's It All About? - A training scheme was created to be rolled out to all new employees ensuring that our D&I values are communicated and prioritised from the start.



260

De-Biasing Recruitment Training was completed by 260 of our internal and external recruiters to bring a positive change to the impact of unconscious bias on recruitment practices.

Oct 21

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Personal Perspective - During Black History Month, we spoke to two of our employees about afro hair, their heritage, and what they're 'Proud to Be'.



Halo Hair Code - Venn Group became one of the first companies within the Recruitment sector to adopt The Halo Code which defends the freedom to wear all afro-hairstyles without restriction or judgment.

Nov 21

Dec 21

D&I Policy - We created a new D&I policy in consultation with our CEO and D&I ambassadors, structured around our core values of experience, integrity and partnership.



#My name is :

Name Pronunciation - In conjunction with the #mynameis campaign during Race Equality week, all Venn Group employees are now able to add phonetic name spellings to their email sign off.

Feb 22

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Disability Confident Committed - We renewed our affiliation as a DCC Employer for a further three years. We are committed to an inclusive recruitment process and an accessible work environment.

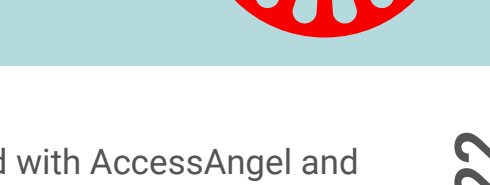


International Women's Day - We heard from four of Venn Group's female leaders across the company as they shared the challenges and successes of their career journeys in our monthly diversity & inclusion forum.

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Personal Perspectives - Continuing our series, two of our employees shared about their respective celebrations of Ramadan and Vaisakhi, and the significance which they hold.

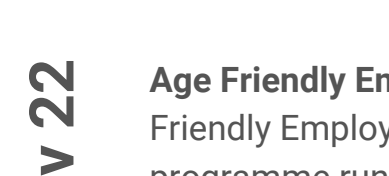
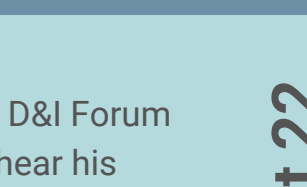


Deaf Awareness Week - We were joined at our D&I forum by a guest speaker who taught us how use the basics of British Sign Language.

May 22

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Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month - We released a Personal Perspective article from Riley Garnett, Manager in the Bristol office, about his upbringing in the New Age Traveller Community.

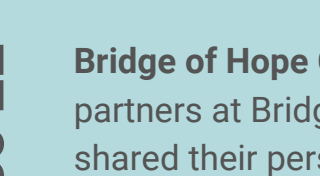
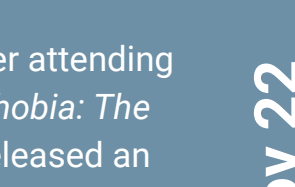


AccessAngel - We partnered with AccessAngel and implemented a toolbar to increase the accessibility of our website.

Jul 22

Sep 22

National Inclusion Week - We carried out an internal campaign, #MEETME, to introduce people across the company and increase employee engagement.

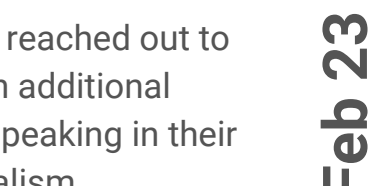


Black History Month - We were joined at our D&I Forum by Luther Blissett, Ex-England Footballer, to hear his experience as a black man in the football industry.

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Age Friendly Employer - We signed up to the Age Friendly Employer Pledge and a new nationwide programme run by the Centre for Ageing Better to make workplaces age-friendly.



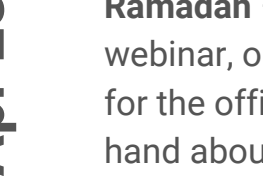
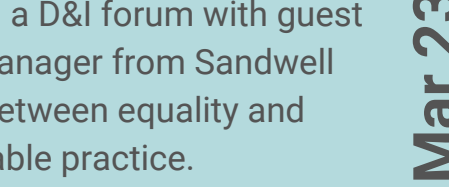
ISLAMOPHOBIA AWARENESS MONTH

Islamophobia Awareness Month - After attending the LTU Islamic Society event, *Islamophobia: The Causes and Cures*, our EDI Associate released an article to reflect on how to implement the lessons learned.

Nov 22

Dec 22

Bridge of Hope Careers - We hosted a D&I Forum with our partners at Bridge of Hope Careers. Both guest speakers shared their personal experiences and the organisation's journey to address barriers to employment.



International Mother Tongue Day - We reached out to our employees who spoke English as an additional language and created a video of them speaking in their mother tongues to celebrate multilingualism.

Feb 23

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World Hijab Day - We heard from a Consultant in our London office about her experience of wearing the Hijab, its significance to her, and addressed some common misconceptions.

International Women's Day

International Women's Day - We hosted a D&I forum with guest speaker Rupinder Sandhu, Curriculum Manager from Sandwell College, who discussed the distinction between equality and equity and how to best implement equitable practice.

Mar 23

Apr 23

Ramadan - After attending Ramadan Tent Project's webinar, our Bristol D&I Ambassador organised an Iftar for the office to support their colleague and learn first-hand about the significance of the month.

