Access Accountancy Milestones

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Concept

Adopting

Core

Flexible

Contributing

Core

Flexible

Influencing

Core

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- Start at the Adopting level with aim to move to Influencing over time.
- Core
 - All of these should be completed under each level.
- Flexible
 - Goal is to complete as many of these as possible within in each level.
- You do not need to have completed one level to start on the milestones within another level.

The milestones - overview

Adopting

Ask Parental Occupation social mobility question

Survey current staff/finance team/members on their socio-economic background (SEB)

Appoint a senior champion of social mobility

Contributing

Promote your vacancies and/or placements to AA students

Start to analyse SEB data for applications, hires and/or current staff/finance team/members

Offer (paid for where possible) quality work experience for lower-SEB students

Influencing

Share data collected on social mobility externally each year

Based on analysis, set reasonable targets around SEB for applications, hires and/or current staff/finance team/members with the aim to improve year on year

Buddy with at least one AA signatory

Ask all recommended social mobility questions

Promote your organisation has joined Access Accountancy (AA)

Create and share at least 1 social mobility case study

Flexible

Core

Attend at least 1 Social Mobility Commission masterclass event or similar

Conduct outreach to at least one school/college in a social mobility coldspot or with high percentage FSM

Regularly meet with all staff members involved in AA within your organisation

Share data collected on social mobility internally

Present at or host a social mobility event, presentation or similar

Provide at least one member of staff to one of the **AA Working Groups**

Offer additional support to young people from lower-SEB applying to your programmes/vacancies

Offer multiple entry routes at different levels Improve completion rate for SEB survey (not including 'prefer not to say')

Offer mentoring or similar support

Undertake reverse mentoring

Create an internal diversity/social mobility network or provide access to a local/national diversity/social mobility network

Include diversity criteria in your evaluation of potential suppliers and/or clients

Multi-channel outreach campaign to low-SEB talent

Conduct SEB pay gap reporting or similar analysis

Examine intersectionality of social mobility data with other diversity characteristics Lead or drive pan-profession or cross-sector

programmes

Produce/share thought leadership content which looks at improving social mobility





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