

Declaration of Pluralism (from the College Catalogue)

We are a diverse community at LaGuardia Community College. We strive to become a pluralistic community. We respect diversity as reflected in such areas as race, culture, ethnicity, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, disability and social class.

As a pluralistic community we will:

- Celebrate: individual and group diversity.
- Honor: the rights of people to speak and be heard on behalf of pluralism.
- Promote: inter-group cooperation, understanding and communication.
- Acknowledge: each other's contributions to the community.
- Share: beliefs, customs and experiences which enlighten us about members of our community.
- Affirm: each other's dignity.
- Seek: further ways to learn about and appreciate one another.
- Confront: the expression of dehumanizing stereotypes, incidents where individuals or groups are excluded because of difference, the intolerance of diversity and the forces of racism, sexism, heterosexism, homophobia, disability discrimination, ageism, classism, and ethnocentrism that fragment the community into antagonistic individuals and groups.

We believe by carrying out these actions we, as students, faculty and staff can achieve social change and the development of a society in which each individual can achieve her or his maximum potential.