

Re-signing the Derbyshire Compact

The Derbyshire Compact has been in existence since 2003 building on the national Compact and giving a local focus to relations between public sector bodies and the voluntary and community sector within the county. The Compact aims to create a truly equal and fair relationship between the voluntary and community sector and local bodies.

To refresh signatories and organisations about the Compact, what it stands for and the difference it can make to partnership working a resign of the Derbyshire Compact has been agreed. The Compact Steering Group is asking your organisation to renew their dedication to the Derbyshire Compact by reaffirming their commitment. This can be done by filling in the form on the following page and returning to Louise Collins at Derbyshire County Council. County Hall, Smedley Street, Matlock DE4 3AG.

For more information on the Derbyshire Compact please go to:

http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/partnerships/voluntary_sector/derbyshire_compact/

or for information from the Compact Commission:

<http://www.thecompact.org.uk/>

or speak to Louise Collins at Derbyshire County Council on 01629 580000 or email, louise.collins@derbyshire.gov.uk

Don't forget the Compact Awards – nomination forms can be found at www.derbyshire.gov.uk

About the Derbyshire Compact

The national Compact was launched by government in 1998 and is informed by five nationally produced codes of good practice as follows:

- community groups
- black and ethnic minority community and voluntary organisations
- volunteering
- funding and procurement
- consultation and appraisal.

However, it was acknowledged that there was a need for a local version of the Compact which recognised the specific characteristics of partnership working between the voluntary and community and statutory sector in Derbyshire. The Derbyshire Compact was published in 2003 after extensive consultation with the voluntary and community sector (VCS). The purpose of the Derbyshire Compact is to improve working relations by setting out the principles and standards that public agencies and voluntary and community organisations can expect of each other when working in partnership for the benefit of local people.

The Compact document should be seen as a source of information to be referred to by practitioners in the voluntary and community sector and in the public agencies in Derbyshire as a 'dip in and out' tool, to help them implement good practice policies and procedures in respect of their dealings with their partner organisations.

Derbyshire Compact currently has 112 signatories from both statutory and voluntary organisations, showing commitment to the principles and practices for good partnership work. The development of the Derbyshire Compact is led by the Derbyshire Compact working group. The group meets quarterly and consists of representatives from key VCS and public sector organisations in the county. The main function of the group is to provide strategic direction for the development and implementation of the Compact.

The Derbyshire Compact is an important tool for everybody working within the voluntary and community and public sectors. By working to the principles and codes in your work it is possible to:

- improve service quality
- improve inspection ratings
- improve partnership working
- increase accountability, transparency and integrity.

We are committed to working positively with our partners, and would like to sign up to the Derbyshire Compact

Your name	<input type="text"/>
Name of organisation or body you represent	<input type="text"/>
Your role or job title	<input type="text"/>
Your signature	<input type="text"/>
Address and postcode	<input type="text"/>
Daytime telephone number	<input type="text"/>
Email address	<input type="text"/>
Do you have any comments or suggestions?	<input type="text"/>

Please return this slip to:

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