

Compact for Devon Update August / September 2007

The Compact : Working Together, Better Together

The Compact for Devon in its current form is now 2 years old and firmly on the local map. Thanks to those voluntary, community and statutory sector partners who have all signed up to the Compact for Devon since the last Compact Update – welcome on board! Your commitment to the principles behind the Compact - to improve and develop the relationship between sectors for the benefit of each other and the communities they serve – helps to further strengthen partnership working and collaboration in Devon.

The Compact for Devon and the 3 existing Codes of Practice (Volunteering, Equality and Funding and Procurement) can be viewed on the DACVS (Devon Association of CVS) website – www.dacvs.org.uk

Work is now well underway to develop the remaining 3 Codes of practice:

- Community Groups
- Partnership Working
- Consultation & Involvement

Small Stakeholder Groups met in July to discuss the contents of the first draft for each Code, and during August the first drafts were committed to paper! This is just the beginning of the process, and your input and involvement will help to strengthen the Codes and make them more meaningful locally. The Stakeholder Groups meet again in September to consider the first drafts of the Codes. If you would like details of these meetings please contact the Hub Administrator, Alice Hulajko at compact.hub@exetercvcs.org.uk or 01392 202055. From November the draft Codes will be out for wider consultation for three months, so you could also get involved at that stage.

If you have any questions or comments about the Compact for Devon or the Codes of Practice, contact Sara Bennett, Compact Development Worker, at : compact@dacvs.org.uk or on 01392 202057.

If you have any Compact stories to tell - examples where you have used the Compact or made reference to any of the Codes of Practice – please share these stories with Sara.

Signing up to the Compact for Devon is free!! Download a signatory form for your organisation at www.dacvs.org.uk or contact Sara Bennett for a hard copy. A full list of signatories is available, also at www.dacvs.org.uk - it already includes 5 District Councils, the County Council, Devon PCT and more than 200 Voluntary Sector organisations. Now is the time to get your organisation on the Compact map!