



Our Vision

The Surrey Compact is a commitment to continually improve relationships between public sector organisations, the Voluntary, Community and Faith sector, and organisations representing service users and carers

What is the Surrey Compact?

Surrey Voluntary, Community and Faith organisations, and public bodies, are invited to support the principles and practices of the Surrey Compact, and to take part in its development.

The Surrey Compact aims to:

- ✓ Change attitudes and behaviour in partnership work
- ✓ Improve partnership work
- ✓ Communicate better with each other
- ✓ Understand and respect each other's views
- ✓ Work together more effectively to support the people of Surrey

What are our Compact principles?

- ✓ Community involvement is vital to improving the quality of life for people in Surrey
- ✓ Relationships between the sectors should be open and transparent
- ✓ Equal value given to all sectors and communities' contribution in joint working
- ✓ All organisations have the right to contribute and challenge issues without penalty
- ✓ Respect the differences between sectors
- ✓ Respect and value the diversity within each sector
- ✓ Respect that each sector has its own responsibilities and constraints
- ✓ Respect the independence of the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector, and organisations representing users and carers

How can we put these principles into practice?

Together we will:

- ✓ Develop policies and services taking into account the experience and views of all sectors
- ✓ Use our resources – including people, buildings, knowledge, skills and money – to produce the best results for the people of Surrey
- ✓ Raise awareness of Surrey's needs at regional, national and European levels
- ✓ Promote the Compact principles in our working relationships
- ✓ Update the Compact by reviewing it regularly
- ✓ Develop Compact Codes of Practice
- ✓ Resolve problems in a constructive and open way

Participating public bodies will observe the Surrey Compact in their interaction with the Voluntary, Community, Faith and Carer user organisations. All future arrangements will be made within the context of this Surrey Compact, and will apply its principles and practices. They will also contribute to the ongoing process of developing the Surrey Compact.



The Codes of Practice

- ✓ Funding
- ✓ Volunteering
- ✓ Communication, Consultation and Engagement
- ✓ Equality and Diversity
- ✓ Working with Community Groups
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- ✓ Positive Disputes Process

The Surrey Compact Implementation Group

The Surrey Compact Implementation Group is chaired by an independent chair. The Group meetings include an annual meeting and Champions Network workshops. The maximum membership of the group is 20 representatives from the public, voluntary, community and faith sectors.

The duties of the Group include:

- ✓ Ensuring that the SCIG membership is representative
- ✓ Promoting the Compact principles
- ✓ Developing ways of sharing information about the Surrey Compact
- ✓ Monitoring, reviewing and updating the Compact each year
- ✓ Creating a wider reference group to read and respond to developments

The Surrey Compact Champions Network

Compact Champions are the focal point for the Surrey Compact within their organisation. A Champion's role is to raise awareness, keep their organisation up to date and be the initial point of contact for matters relating to the Compact. Implementation Group members are Compact Champions.

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