

## Why sign up to the Compact?

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Dumfries & Galloway Compact is an agreement between public agencies and the voluntary/ community sector that seeks to improve how we work together.

This agreement involves commitments on both sides. It also:

- recognises the independence of voluntary & community groups and their right to campaign, and
- seeks to ensure that voluntary & community sector activity is supported and encouraged.

Through the Compact we want to bring about a culture change and achieve a relationship based on:

**RESPECT**

**EQUALITY**

**TRANSPARENCY**

**ACCOUNTABILITY**

If you agree with these principles and would like to support the work of the Compact this is what you can do:

## Sign up now to show your support

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If you decide to sign up as a group, all you have to do is nominate a member to sign on your behalf and contact Dumfries & Galloway Federation of Councils of Voluntary Service (DGFedCVS). You will then receive a certificate to display and will join a growing list of organisations that want greater recognition and support for the voluntary & community sector in Dumfries & Galloway. Contact DGFedCVS on 01387 810011, or email [joyce.harkness@dgfcvs.org.uk](mailto:joyce.harkness@dgfcvs.org.uk)

## Get more involved by nominating a Champion

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You can also nominate a Compact Champion. This person will be the first point of contact in your group for information on the Compact and will be part of a network of people involved in developing our relationship with public agencies. All Champions receive a resource pack – called the ‘Champion’s Pack’ - with helpful ideas on how to get the most out of the Compact.

To read a full version of the Compact document or to find out more go to the Community Planning website [www.dgcommunity.net](http://www.dgcommunity.net)



# The Role of Compact Champion

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**The Compact Champion will promote and publicise the Compact so that your group/organisation knows it exists and why.**

Ways to do this:

- Make sure that people in your group/organisation know that you are their Compact Champion.
- Sign and display the poster where everyone can see it.
- Include the Compact as part of your induction for committee members/staff, and report on the Compact at your AGM.
- Use the materials in this pack in your reports and reviews.
- Dumfries & Galloway Federation of Councils of Voluntary Service (DGFedCVS) will keep you up to date on the Compact through your local Council of Voluntary Service (CVS), newsletters and our website - [www.dgfcvs.org.uk](http://www.dgfcvs.org.uk). Please pass on this information through your own newsletters, networking and contacts.
- Explain to other groups and organisations why they should sign up to the Compact. The Compact is relevant to any voluntary organisation or community group that comes into contact with public agencies or is affected by their decisions.
- Bring a copy of the Compact to meetings you have with public agency staff and Councillors. Ask if they know about the Compact and record the answers on a Compact Record Form. This will help to identify gaps in awareness of the Compact.
- Refer to the Compact when you get a chance. It is important to keep it 'live' to make sure it has a real influence at all levels.

The Compact Champion's job is to discuss and help record experiences of partnership working.



**The Compact is in an early stage and voluntary, community and public sector colleagues want to know whether it is helping. To do this we need to record experiences of working with the Council, Health Board, Police, Fire or Scottish Enterprise.**

What you can do:

- Ask the people in your group to tell you about their experiences of public agency policies and practices.
- Record experiences of working with public agencies on a Compact Record Form and send these to DGFedCVS. As you can see from the form, this doesn't take long and it is a vital part of building a useful relationship between each sector.
- Make sure copies of the Record Form are easily available to others in your group. You have a master copy in your pack to be photocopied. You can also visit DGFedCVS website to download a copy of the form.
- Forms can be returned to DGFedCVS by post, fax or email (details below).

## The Compact Champion is the contact in your group for information on the Compact

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Where can I get more advice and support?

- Contact DGFedCVS in the first instance and you'll be directed to the most appropriate contact

Tel: 01387 810011

Email: [joyce.harkness@dgfcvs.org.uk](mailto:joyce.harkness@dgfcvs.org.uk)

DGFedCVS

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# Dumfries & Galloway Compact: Record Form

## For your experiences, comments & complaints

Please use this form to record experiences of working with public agencies in the region.  
Please do not include any information which may be regarded as confidential.

Name of your organisation/ group	
Your name (optional)	
Date	
Name of public agency	

Agency department:

Arts, libraries, museums, registration		Children's services		Community health services (including local hospitals)	
Community Learning & Development		Finance, property and personnel services		Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary	
Leisure and Sport services		Older people's services		Mental health services	
Planning, environment, regeneration and housing services		Councillors or Board Members		Community planning	
School services		Funding for the voluntary sector		Other/general	

If 'other or unknown', briefly name the department or describe its activities:

What was your experience in working with the public agency?

Did you or the agency have to take action? If so, what was this?

What was the outcome? Are there any outstanding issues?

Can the Compact Implementation Group help resolve any outstanding issues?

Please return this form to  
DGFedCVS, PO Box 7736, Lockerbie, DG1 1WD or email: [joyce.harkness@dgf cvs.org.uk](mailto:joyce.harkness@dgf cvs.org.uk)  
The information on this form may be used to contact you.

No information that identifies your organisation will be passed to another party without your prior consent.

