

Sunderland Compact Codes of Good Practice

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Background

- Local Compacts are crucial to local relationships and are becoming the benchmark for improving them.
- Local Compacts take the principles of the national Compact and implement it in such a way as to take account of local relationships and needs.
- The national Codes of Good Practice look in detail at particular issues and set out particular undertakings from both the Government and the VCS

The Codes of Practice

- The National Codes of Practice are:
 - Consultation and Policy Appraisal
 - BME community groups
 - Community Groups
 - Funding and Procurement
 - Volunteering
- In Sunderland these will be developed to take into account local relationships, issues and needs, including existing areas of good practice

The Sunderland Codes of Practice

Consultation & Policy Appraisal:

- Aims to make a positive impact on the way the wider Sunderland Partnership consults on and appraises its policies
- Achieved through the development of an effective framework
- Enable VCS organisations to make an effective contribution to the development and implementation of policy

The Sunderland Codes of Practice (2)

Communities of Interest:

- National Code of Practice provides a framework for joint working towards race equality
- Give the BME sector increased voice, more effective support and resources
- In Sunderland this Code of Practice will be expanded to include wider Communities of Interest, including the Independent Advisory Groups:

BME

Faith

Gender

Youth

Disability

Sexuality

Older people

The Sunderland Codes of Practice (3)

Community Groups and Geographical Communities:

- Framework for relationships and interaction with Community Sector.
- Recognises diversity of community groups and formal voluntary sector.
- Includes neighbourhood based groups, and provides a voice for residents and users to public authorities and service providers, builds relationships and networks in neighbourhoods and communities to build social capital and community cohesion.
- Includes a cross sector strategy for capacity building and infrastructure adequate and appropriate to the needs of communities and community groups.

The Sunderland Codes of Practice (4)

Funding and Procurement:

- Framework for the financial relationship between statutory bodies and the VCS
- Covers how programmes should be designed but not who or what should be funded

The Sunderland Codes of Practice (5)

Volunteering:

- Undertaking to enable more people to become involved in varied forms of voluntary activity with the necessary support
- Emphasises that volunteering must be the result of a free choice by the volunteer, must be open to everyone
- Recognises that volunteering contributes to community cohesion and empowerment.

Code of Practice Working Groups

- Each Code of Practice will have a working group that will be co-chaired by a Voluntary and Community Sector and a Statutory Sector representative.
- The Working Groups will develop the Code of Practice texts and implementation action plans (drafts by 31st March 2008) – estimated 4 meetings between now and March 2008.
- Delegates can sign up for a Working Group that they have relevant knowledge, experience or interest in using the sign up sheets in the launch packs

Code of Practice Leads

- Consultation & Policy Appraisal:
 - Ailsa Martin (SCN) & Lee Cranston (Sunderland City Council)
- Communities of Interest:
 - VCS lead TBC & Dawn Osborne (Sunderland City Council)
- Community Groups & Communities of Interest:
 - Jackie Nixon (SCN) & Vivienne Metcalfe (Sunderland City Council)
- Funding and Procurement:
 - Alan Patchett (SCN) & Janice Gregory (TPCT)
- Volunteering:
 - David Curtis (Volunteer Centre) & Jane Hibberd (Sunderland City Council)

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