

Joint Action Plan between Compact Voice and Office for Civil Society: 2014-15

Compact Voice has agreed its operational plan for 2014/15 with the Office for Civil Society/Cabinet Office. This joint action plan sets out the areas where joint working is required and complements Compact Voice's operational plan.

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Regular meetings take place between Compact Voice and key department representatives.	Meetings are revised to be a forum for CV to provide departmental attendees with local knowledge and VCS insights, as well as practical sessions on key topics such as meaningful engagement.	Arrange and facilitate at least three meetings with Compact Leads Group from relevant departments, ensuring good representation from all departments, including LIT.	Attend the cross department Compact forum meetings and maintain ongoing engagement with Compact voice as required in between.
Work with government departments to raise awareness of partnership working with the voluntary sector and the Compact.	Training package/ 'offer' is developed for departments - bespoke where required. 1-on-1 support, information and/or materials promoted and provided to departments.	Actively engage government departments to provide information highlighting good practice which can form the basis of case studies and Awards nominations to Compact Voice. Promote CV's training offer to departments.	To actively promote awareness of the Compact principles and commitments to colleagues. Highlight the training opportunities available and encourage uptake.
Support the development of policies to reflect the principles of the Compact.	Identify and engage with policy developments, linking to the principles of the Compact where identified, and providing constructive feedback to ensure that policies reflect and meet the needs of the voluntary sector. Continue to build links with government's Open Policy Making agenda.	Informing Compact Voice of known policy development opportunities from government departments which may impact the voluntary sector, promoting new and innovative ways of working such as Open Policy Making.	Maintain a good relationship with teams across department and, where in place, your partnership board to keep track of major policy announcements and consultations which engage the VCSE. Maintain awareness of developments in the VCSE sector and make linkages to your policies where appropriate.
Promote the principles of the Compact in commissioning and procurement undertaken by government, including new partnerships,	Develop and devise materials of relevance to commissioners and service providers, representing the needs and interests of the voluntary sector to them	Coordinate dialogue between OCS, Compact Voice and relevant departmental Compact Leads to promote the continued relevance of the Compact during commissioning and	Work with colleagues to identify possible areas where linkages between your departments commissioning and procurement activity could be made with

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structures, and arms-length bodies.	as appropriate.	procurement.	Compact principles and where new ways of working could be beneficial. Seek relevant support from OCS/CV
Address instances where Compact principles are not upheld.	Provide information to OCS about alleged or potential breaches of Compact principles raised by their networks and members.	Approaching relevant departments to seek clarification and provide support to help resolve issues where appropriate.	Where potential breaches of the compact are raised in your department. Facilitate the engagement of CV or OCS in investigating and finding solutions for these.
To encourage greater transparency around government department's engagement and spend.	Support government to measure and publish timely data on funding to the VCSE sector. Continue to support the Open Government Partnership.	Support maximum transparency around central government spend, by supporting the National Action Plan on transparency.	Be aware of transparency policy within own department and understand how this applies to VCSE engagement (including opening up new data sets where applicable).
Departments arrange activities to support and promote Compact Week.	Encourage and support departmental Compact Leads to undertake activities during Compact Week in government departments, providing information and attendance as appropriate.	Work with departmental Compact leads and Compact Voice to support the successful delivery of Compact Week, encouraging departmental activities across government which promote both the Compact and Compact Week.	Departments arrange activities to support and promote Compact Week.
Take forward the recommendations from the National Audit Office's follow-up review of Central Government's implementation of the National Compact.	Support OCS and departments to address issues raised in the NAO report. , and promote examples of good practice to departments that are implementing these recommendations.	To work across the Cabinet Office and with government departments via the Compact leads to support the implementation of recommendations.	Lead on implementing NAO recommendations across your Department.