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Compact Awards 2011

Winners of 2011 Compact Awards announced

The winners of this year's Compact Awards have been announced at a ceremony at HM Treasury. The ceremony was run in partnership by Compact Voice and the Office for Civil Society.

The Compact Awards recognise excellent partnership working taking place between local and national government and the voluntary and community sector.

The Compact is the long-standing agreement that establishes commitments for partnership working between the sectors.

The 2011 award categories are:

- Compact Advancing Equality Award
- Compact Champion of the Year
- Local Compact Award
- Compact Innovation Award
- Compact Impact Award and
- National Compact Award

Announcing the winners, Nick Hurd MP, Minister for Civil Society, said:

"I would like to congratulate all the winners and finalists. Local partnerships have a vital role to play in building thriving communities and the award winners really demonstrate that in the practical actions they have taken. Others should look to their impressive example."

Simon Blake, Chair of Compact Voice, said:

"The Compact Awards provide an opportunity for some of the best local partnerships to share their successes, and receive deserving recognition for the excellent work they have done. This year is no different, and the winners show the difference the Compact can make in delivering real benefits in challenging times."

The awards ceremony for the Compact Awards forms part of Compact Week, which takes place from 7 to 11 November 2011. Events and activities are taking place across England to promote the Compact and its achievements and to encourage wider implementation of the Compact. For more information about this national awareness week, please visit: www.compactvoice.org.uk/compactweek2011.

Results of the 2011 Compact Awards:

Compact Advancing Equality Award – For delivering activities which help eliminate discrimination and which promote equality of opportunity through better partnerships.

Winner: Lancashire United Against Hate

Compact Champion of the Year – For the contribution of an individual working to embed Compact principles wherever possible, alongside promoting and supporting others to use the Compact.

Winner: Jackie Sully, Rainbow Services Essex

Highly Commended: Ged Curran, London Borough of Merton

Compact Impact Award - For those using the Compact to address issues arising from challenging times, and tackling adversity while maintaining or developing strong partnerships.

Winner: Merton Compact

Highly Commended: Watford Compact

Compact Innovation Award - For effectively supporting the Compact with fresh ideas and a new approach.

Winner: Changing Times, Changing Roles initiative – Wolverhampton

Highly Commended: Dover District Compact

Local Compact Award - For demonstrating the ongoing or long-term impact that positive partnership working can have in a local community.

Winner: Gateshead Compact

National Compact Award – For demonstrating how the Compact has developed better partnership working on a national scale, through new programmes, policies or practice.

Winner: Department for Communities and Local Government

Notes to editors

- [The Compact](#) is the agreement between government and the voluntary and community sector (referred to collectively within the text of the Compact as civil society organisations) which sets out key principles and establishes a way of working that improves their relationship for mutual advantage.
- As well as the national Compact, most areas in England also have a local Compact, which interprets the principles set out in the Compact to reflect local need. As well as Local Authorities, many other public bodies have signed up to their local Compacts including police, fire and health organisations.
- [Compact Voice](#) aims to provide support, advice, training and information about better partnership working to both sectors both nationally and locally, representing the voluntary and community sector's interests and views to government, and championing the Compact.
- Compact Voice represents the voluntary and community sector on the Compact. We are co-signatories on the national Compact, and negotiated its content on behalf of the sector, based on its views. We have a membership of 2500 and our board contains all the main infrastructure organisations in the voluntary and community sector as well as others. Our board is comprised of representatives

from: Acevo, Action for Children, Black Training and Enterprise Group, British Red Cross, Brook, Equality and Diversity Forum, NCVO, Navca, Voice4Change England and Volunteering England.

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