

The Compact

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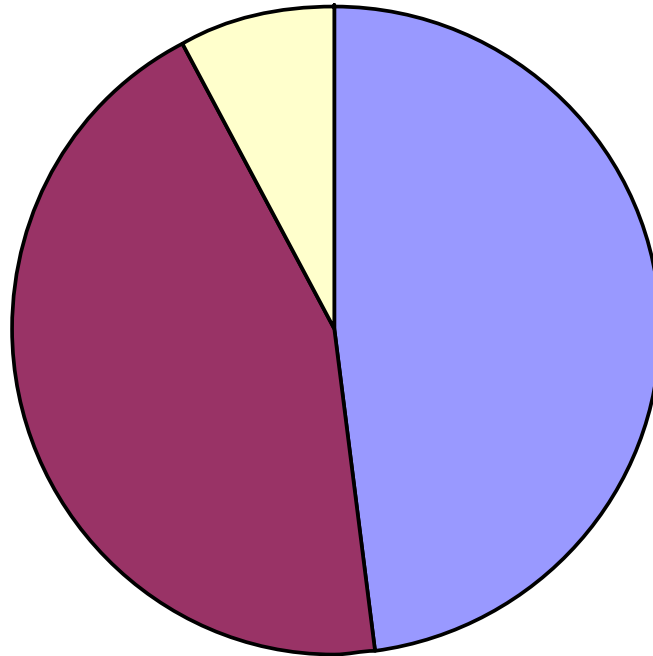
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A few stats...

- 164 415 registered charities
- Up to 2 million community groups
- 611 000 employees
- 37% volunteer at least once a week
- £27 billion income

Types of income %



■ Earned income

■ Voluntary income

■ Investment returns

History of the Compact

- Deakin Commission Report 1996
- Change in Government 1997
- The Compact 1998
- 96% of councils have local Compacts
- Boards, Compact workers etc

What is the Compact

- Agreement between Government and Voluntary and Community Sector
- Five codes of practice
- Local Compacts
- Ways of working
- Benefit to the wider society

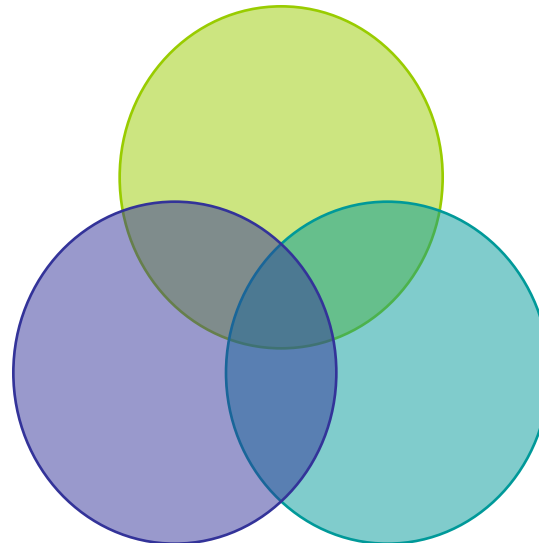
National Compact bodies

**Compact Commission
Ombudsman
Mediation**

**Statutory
Sector**

**Voluntary
Sector**

**Office of the
Third Sector (OTS)**



**Compact Voice
Compact Advocacy
Public Law Project**

Codes of Good Practice

- Funding and Procurement
- Consultation and Policy Appraisal
- Volunteering
- Community Groups
- Black and Ethnic Minority Groups



Compact Advocacy Programme

- Run by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations
- Funded by The Big Lottery
- Compact Team / Compact Voice
- Local and national advocacy work

What we do

- 50-60 on-going local and national cases
- Providing advice and support
- Advocating and representing
- Campaigning
- Replicating good practice across Government
- Effecting long term change

Common cases

- Lack of FCR
- Payment in arrears
- Lack of notice
- Poor communication
- Disproportionate terms and conditions
- Lack of consultation
- Poor consultation practice
- Lack of understanding of BME sector

Case study

- **The Problem:** A local housing charity had its funding cut by the local council but was very poorly informed of this information.
- **The Breach:** Local Compact - 9.2 Funders should be consistent and transparent and Principle of discussion and dialogue
- **The Action:** CAP wrote to the local council, raised the concerns, outlined the change the group wanted to see.
- **The Outcome:**
 - Council apologised for the breach
 - Committed to being Compact compliant in future
 - Agreed to pay £5,000 compensation for mismanagement
 - CAP and the group attended a meeting with the council to embed the learning and explore other possible funding for this project.

Survivors Trust and the Compact

- Sustainable, long term funding, paid in advance
- Full cost recovery
- Good relationship with funders
- Involvement in programme design
- Work in partnerships

Exercise

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