



**Public Sector Organisations will:**

- Enable effective participation and representation of the Voluntary and Community sector on partnership boards
- Recognise the diversity of Voluntary and Community Sector partners

**Voluntary and community organisations will:**

- Recognise the potential added value of working in partnership, and commit time and resources to partnership working
- Be explicit about what extra support and resources are needed to effectively engage in partnerships
- Support less established voluntary and community groups to develop their capacity to operate in partnerships
- Be accountable to stakeholders when undertaking partnership working
- Ensure transparent mechanisms for inputting user perspectives to positively influence partnership outcomes

The Devon Compact Hub is inviting all relevant organisations to become signatories and a form is provided for that purpose at the end of the full document. The full Compact for Devon and the full Codes of Practice are available on our website: [www.dacvs.org.uk](http://www.dacvs.org.uk)

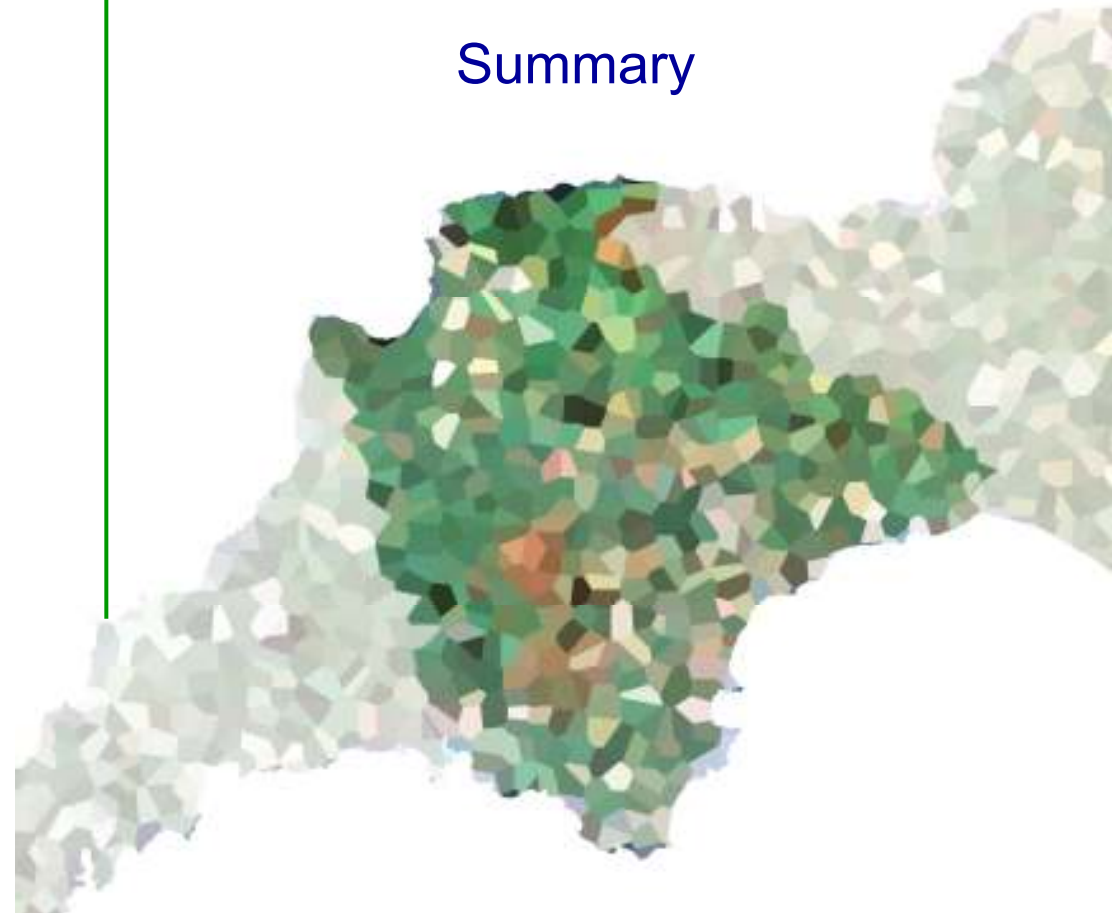
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## Partnership Code of Good Practice

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### Compact for Devon

The Compact for Devon is a practical agreement for improving relationships and working practices between organisations in the Statutory Sector and those in the Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS). It complies with Government requirements for statutory organisations to develop a local compact as part of the national compact.

The Compact sets out:

- A shared vision and principles
- Actions from both sides
- The Statutory Sectors' commitment to respect the independence of the Voluntary and Community Sector
- Systems to help make sure that the agreement works.

### Codes of Practice

The Compact for Devon is underpinned by its Codes of Practice. Six Codes have been developed; Funding and Procurement, Volunteering, Equality and Diversity, Consultation, Community Groups and Partnerships.

### The Partnership Code of Practice:

- Sets out the key responsibilities and commitments of those who work in partnerships across Devon
- Considers best practice around partnership working
- Aims to have a positive impact on the way in which partnerships are established and organised

### Voluntary & Community Sector and Public Sector Partners will:

- Recognise that partners' roles are different but the contribution of each partner is important
- Undertake partnership working in an open and honest manner
- Explore how best to meet the needs and concerns of diverse groups
- Be clear about the reasons for entering into any partnership
- Be open to working with new partners
- Recognise that working together is positive when it provides added value and the interchange of ideas across institutional boundaries
- Evaluate partnership working experiences and use the lessons learned to inform future partnership working
- Celebrate success and adopt, promote and disseminate effective partnership practice