

## Oldham wins the 2010 National Compact Champion of the Year Award

More good news! Oldham has won a third award this year for the Oldham Compact – One Oldham, Stronger Together. This time for National Compact Champion of the Year Award which is an individual award given to somebody who has made a significant contribution locally, regionally and nationally to the Compact. This was won by Cath Cook from Voluntary Action Oldham.



Sir Bert Massie, Cath Cook, Cllr Rod Blyth

The Compact is an agreement that sets out a way of working to improve the quality of partnerships and build better relationships between the public sector and the voluntary, community & faith sector that will benefit local residents and communities. The Compact Awards are given in recognition of this excellent partnership working at a local level and are organised by the Commission for the Compact in partnership with Compact Voice and the Office for Civil Society

The 2010 Compact Awards winners were announced at a recent ceremony at Admiralty House in Whitehall, London. Councillor Rod Blyth, Oldham Cabinet member for Community Safety and Public Protection attended the awards ceremony with Cath Cook and Safina Rashid, Engagement Co-ordinator for Voluntary Action Oldham. The reception was hosted by Nick Hurd MP, Minister for Civil Society, who was joined by senior figures involved in the Compact such as Sir Bert Massie CBE, Commissioner for the Compact, and Simon Blake, Chair of Compact Voice.

Earlier this year Oldham was awarded the Green Flag Status for the Compact and Partnership working and at the time was the only area in the North West to be given this status.

This was followed by Oldham becoming the Compact Regional Lead for the North West as an example of good practice and recognised nationally with Cath Cook as Regional Leader for the North West.

All this is great news for Oldham being recognised nationally for the work carried out on the Compact over the last 12 months. Well done Cath!



**Green Flag for the Compact**