

One Oldham stronger together

The Oldham Compact May 2009



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What is One Oldham Stronger Together – the Oldham Compact?

It's an agreement, entered into freely and voluntarily, between local statutory bodies and the voluntary, community and faith sector.

It states the shared principles, values and commitments that will be the foundation for a strong relationship between the two sectors.

What is its vision?

An agreement between the sectors will lead to:

- All partners working towards the same shared principles
- More effective relationships
- A commitment to inclusive working practices
- A recognition that all partners have an equally valuable role to play in improving the quality of life of people in Oldham
- A source of help with any problems in our working relationships

Who are the partners?

All are members of Oldham Partnership, our local strategic partnership, which brings organisations together to make important decisions and to work together to improve the quality of life of local people.

The statutory bodies include Oldham Council, NHS Oldham, Greater Manchester Police and Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service.

The voluntary, community and faith sector includes all those organisations, large and small, which are independent of the state and non-profit making. In Oldham this important, diverse and wide-ranging sector is brought together and represented through the Voluntary, Community and Faith Partnership and the Children and Young People's HUB.

Why does all this matter?

The voluntary, community and faith sector values its independence. The organisations that make up the statutory sector have their own distinctive cultures. But the fact is that it is only by working together in partnership that the statutory sector and the voluntary, community and faith sector will provide the best possible services for the people of Oldham. Partnership working makes a difference.

What can you do?

If you are part of either the statutory or the voluntary, community and faith sector in Oldham make sure that your team, group or organisation is aware of One Oldham Stronger Together and has a Compact Champion. Make sure that you always consider the Compact principles in your work and encourage your colleagues to seek beneficial partnerships. Keep up to date with progress.

Order a copy of the Compact

You can order a copy of One Oldham Stronger Together from Voluntary Action Oldham or Oldham Partnership. Contact details for both are on the back page.



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