

**Refreshing the Sunderland Compact Launch Event on Tuesday 27th
November 2007**

'Working Together for a Better Future'

You may be aware that the Sunderland Partnership produced a 'Compact' or 'Code of Practice' for working between the voluntary and community sector and the public and private sectors within Sunderland in 2000.

Throughout the process of developing the Sunderland Community Development Plan it has become clear that there is a need to refresh the Sunderland Compact and we need your involvement to make it happen.

The Compact was established in England in 1998 and exists at national, regional and local levels. The Sunderland Compact will be a code of practice that governs the relationship between the voluntary and community sector and statutory sectors in Sunderland, and covers everything from how community groups are consulted with by the local authority and Teaching Primary Care Trust, to how voluntary and community sector organisations can be involved in commissioning and procurement.

A new national development is the introduction of Codes of Practice which look in more detail at:

- Funding and Procurement
- Policy Appraisal and Consultation
- BME community organisations and other communities of interest
- Community Groups
- Volunteering

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We now need to develop these Codes of Practice for Sunderland.

The aim of the day will be to provide partners the opportunity to find out more about; why we need to refresh the Sunderland Compact, the process we will be going through, information about the 5 Codes of Practice and how you can become involved in the process.

To launch the work the Sunderland Partnership will be holding an event which will take place on Tuesday 27th November 9.30am – 1.00pm at the Stadium of Light.

Refreshments on arrival with buffet lunch and networking opportunities

If you would like to attend the event please complete the enclosed booking form and return it by 9th November 2007 to:

Sunderland Centre for Voluntary Service, Riverview House, West Wear
Street, Sunderland, SR1 1XD or Fax: 0191 568 0740 or e-mail
mary.pattinson@sunderlandcvs.co.uk

If you have any queries please contact 0191 5651566 or 0191 561 4621

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Name: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please indicate any special requirements you may have:

Dietary: _____

Loop System: _____

Transport: _____

Please note that public transport fares will be reimbursed on production of tickets or community transport will be provided

Signer / Interpreter: _____

Childcare: _____

Please state the Number of Children and their Ages:

Any Other Requirements: _____

Please return completed forms by 9th November 2007 to:
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