

# Renewing the Dumfries and Galloway Compact

A Partnership Agreement Between The Third Sector  
And Public Sector Bodies In Dumfries And Galloway



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# Background

## ◇ National context

*“A Compact is a set of shared values and principles that governs the relationship between the public... and third sector... and supports the other to improve the quality of life of local people and communities”*

## Dumfries and Galloway Compact:

- ◇ developed through a series of workshops with people from the public and third sector
- ◇ launched November 2008



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# Shared Principles of the D&G Compact

- ◇ Partnership Working
- ◇ Consultation
- ◇ Equal Opportunities
- ◇ Recognition
- ◇ Representation
- ◇ Resources
- ◇ Joint Undertakings



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# Background – Sign Ups

## Public sector:

- ◇ Dumfries and Galloway Council
- ◇ NHS Dumfries and Galloway
- ◇ Dumfries and Galloway College
- ◇ Scottish Fire & Rescue
- ◇ Police Scotland

◇ Third Sector : over 120 organisations

◇ Compact Champions



# Action Plan and Working Group

## Action Plan

- ◇ Effective Communication
- ◇ Partnership Working
- ◇ Resources
- ◇ Monitoring and Evaluation

A Working Group was established to implement the Action Plan. It reported annually to the Community Planning Executive Group and the Third Sector Conference.



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# The Changing Landscape

## National:

- ◇ Austerity – reduction in public spending
- ◇ Developments in public policy
- ◇ Role of the third sector – increasing expectations
- ◇ Role of third sector interfaces – Ministerial direction

## Our local interface:

- ◇ Single organisation
- ◇ Strategically driven and focussed
- ◇ Effective board & management
- ◇ Restructured staff team



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# What we hope to achieve as a TSI

- ◇ Improved relationship between the third and public sectors
- ◇ Effective and efficient way of addressing any problems that arise
- ◇ Parity of esteem between the sectors and individuals
- ◇ Increased awareness of the importance and value of the third sector



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# Questions to consider for the future

- ◇ Do we still need a Compact to set out the principles of the relationship between the sectors?
- ◇ How do we deal with any disputes or problems?
- ◇ What is Third Sector, Dumfries and Galloway's role?
- ◇ How will we know when things have improved?



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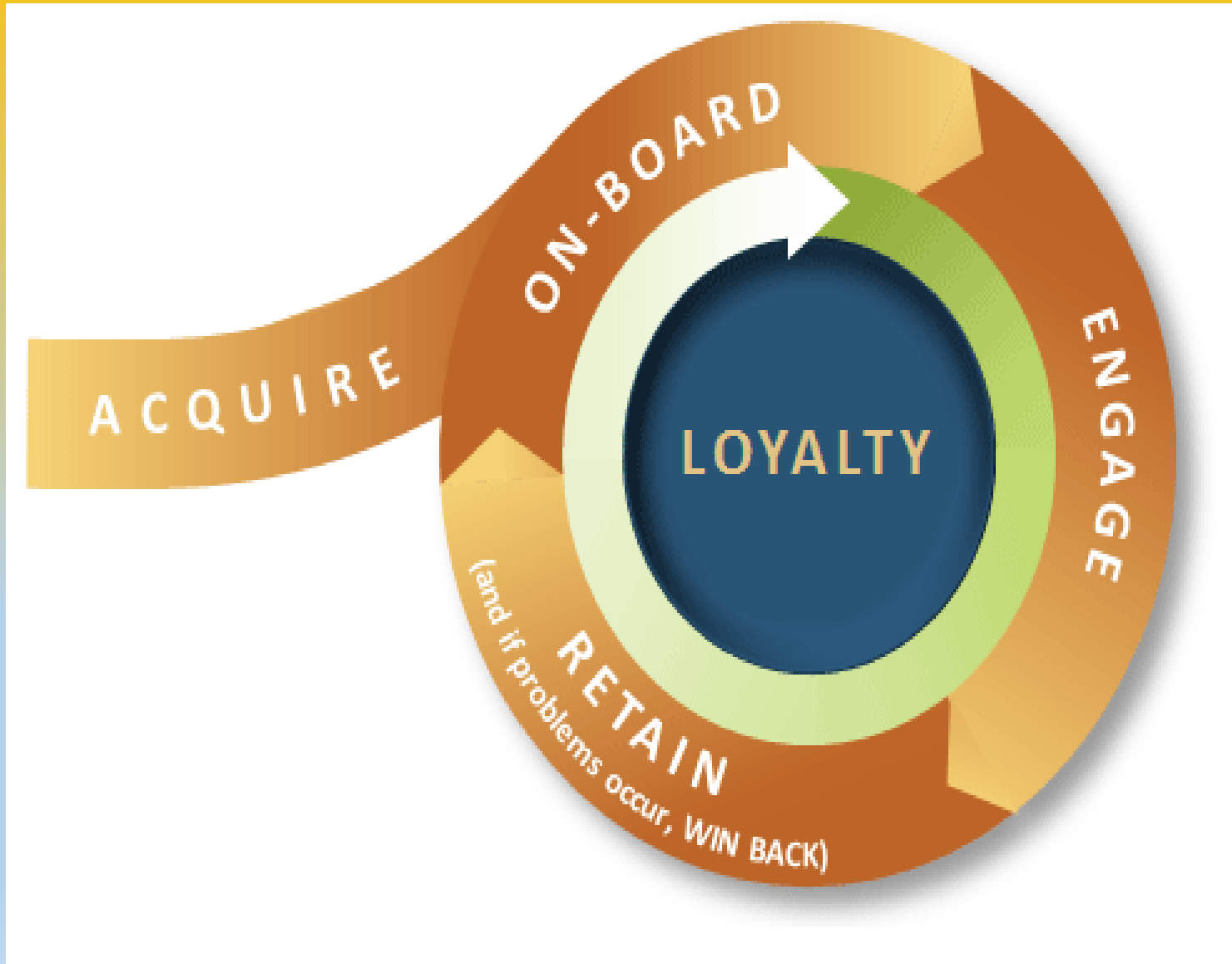


# For discussion today:

1. What is community planning?
2. What should the role, function, authority and accountability of a third sector interface be?
3. What is the role of a third sector interface in respect of community planning?
4. What can the partnerships/forums of the Community Planning Partnership do to ensure that the third sector representatives can be effective in their role?
5. How does the third sector want to be represented?



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