

COMPACT Update

Summary

Following the successful launch of the new Compact, structures need to be put in place to support the roll out. The current Compact Development Group will have its last meeting in December and a new Compact Implementation Group will be formed. This paper summarises the next steps we need to take to be ready for this next phase.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:

1. Agree the names of the 5 Representatives who will be put forward to sit on the new Compact Implementation Group.
2. Approve the recommendation that each Forum of Interest nominates a Compact Champion.
3. Agree the way forward for recruiting further interest in the Compact Resolution and Disputes process.

1. The Compact Implementation Group

The current Compact Development Group will have its last meeting in December and a new Compact Implementation Group will be formed, meeting early in the New Year. We require 5 VCS Assembly Representatives to form part of this Group. The opportunity to be a member of the Group has been advertised through the weekly e-mail bulletin and Paul Drage, from The Hive, has expressed an interest.

The current Compact Development Group has been supported by a number of Assembly Board Members and the Board are requested to consider if any of the current members are willing to go forward to sit on the new group and if any other Board Members would like to be involved. If we have more than five volunteers it would be good practice to have some 'seconds' available to attend when core members are unavailable.

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2. Compact Champions

The recruitment of Compact Champions is a key part of the strategy to roll out the Compact; this opportunity has been advertised widely through the Compact Conference and the e-mail bulletin. As part of the workshops at the Compact Conference it was suggested that it would be a good idea if we were able to identify a Compact Champion for each of our Forums of Interest.

The Board is asked to support the recommendation that each Forum of Interest nominates a Compact Champion.

3. Compact Resolution and Disputes Group

The Compact Disputes and Resolution Group will need a pool of VCS volunteers to undergo training and be available to form part of a panel, should the need arise to mediate in a dispute. The opportunity to express an interest in being part of this process has been highlighted in the e-mail news updates. Two individuals have expressed an interest.

In previous Board discussions it has been suggested that this opportunity should be advertised outside our current membership, e.g. to Trustees of charities. **The Board is asked** to formally confirm if this is the preferred way forward and if it is, to advise on the timing of such an advertising campaign and the best possible routes for these advertisements.