

# Presentation

## Resetting VAA relationships with public bodies



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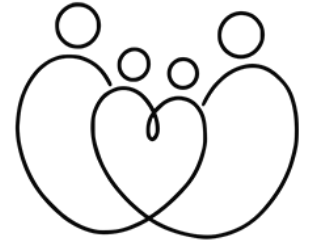


# Who has heard of The Compact?



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# What is the Civil Society Covenant?

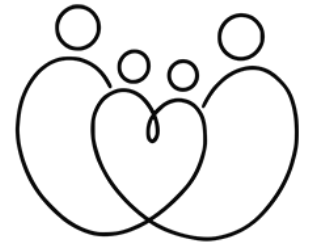


- ✓ The Covenant is a new agreement to improve the relationship between civil society and government / public bodies
- ✓ The new government is keen to work with NCVO and ACEVO on this
- ✓ It is at consultation stage, ending on 12<sup>th</sup> December



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# Why does it matter



Small charities struggle with payments in arrears

Voluntary sector payments not being kept in line with inflation

Overly complex tender processes

Not brought into pilot conversations early enough

Information sharing protocols

Approved provider protocols impose high administrative burden

Delays and barriers to getting adopter references from NHS services



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# Four principles



## Recognition

To ensure a strong and independent civil society

## Partnership

To ensure effective service delivery and policy-making

## Participation

To ensure people and communities can be heard and make a difference

## Transparency

To ensure civil society and government have the information needed to best serve people and communities



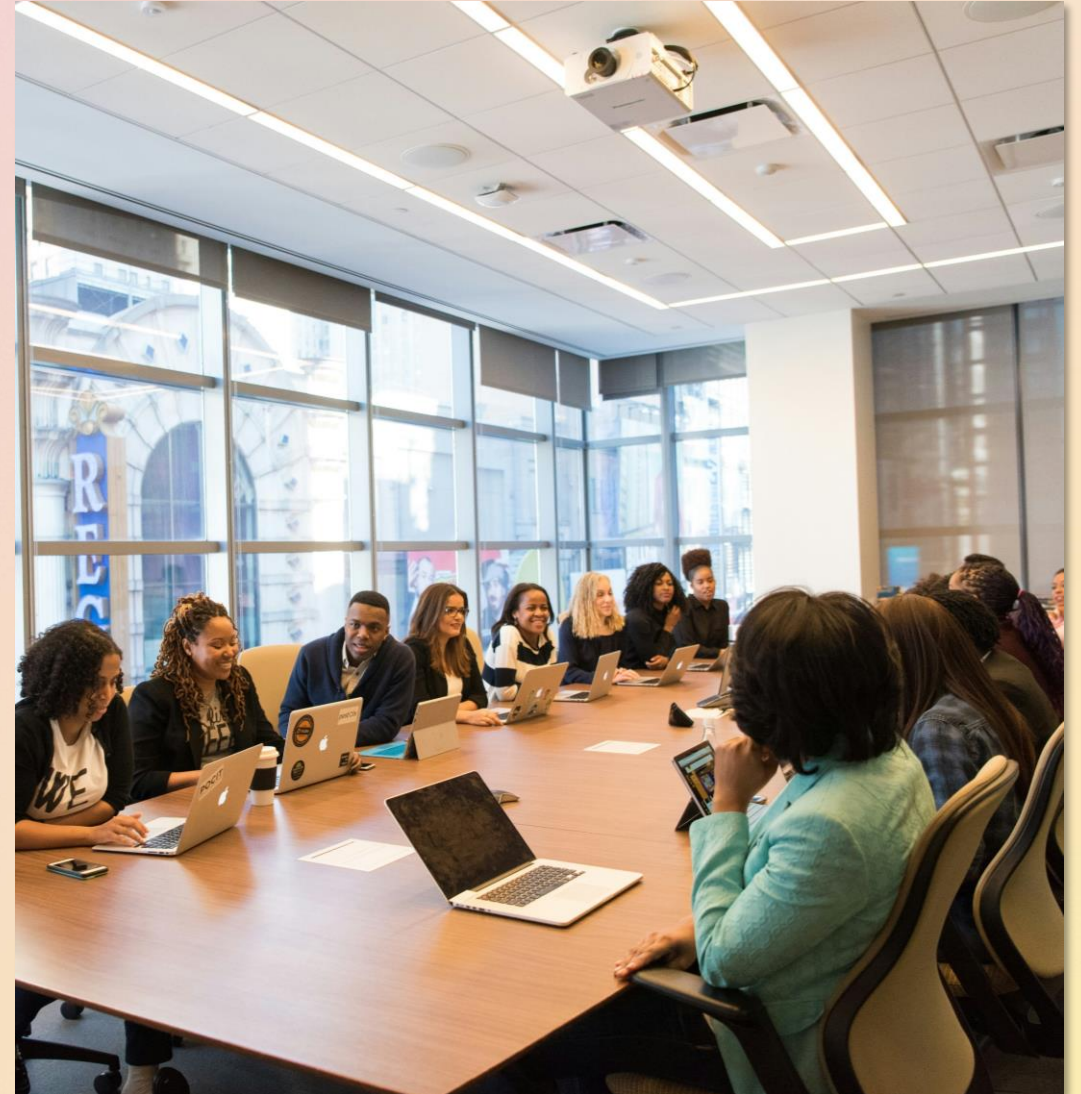
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# Partnership principle



- ✓ Encourage meaningful conversations between civil society and government
- ✓ Ensure civil society is involved in decision-making
- ✓ Remove barriers for smaller organisations
- ✓ Encourage partnership arrangements that facilitate collaboration.

What would this look like for VAAs?



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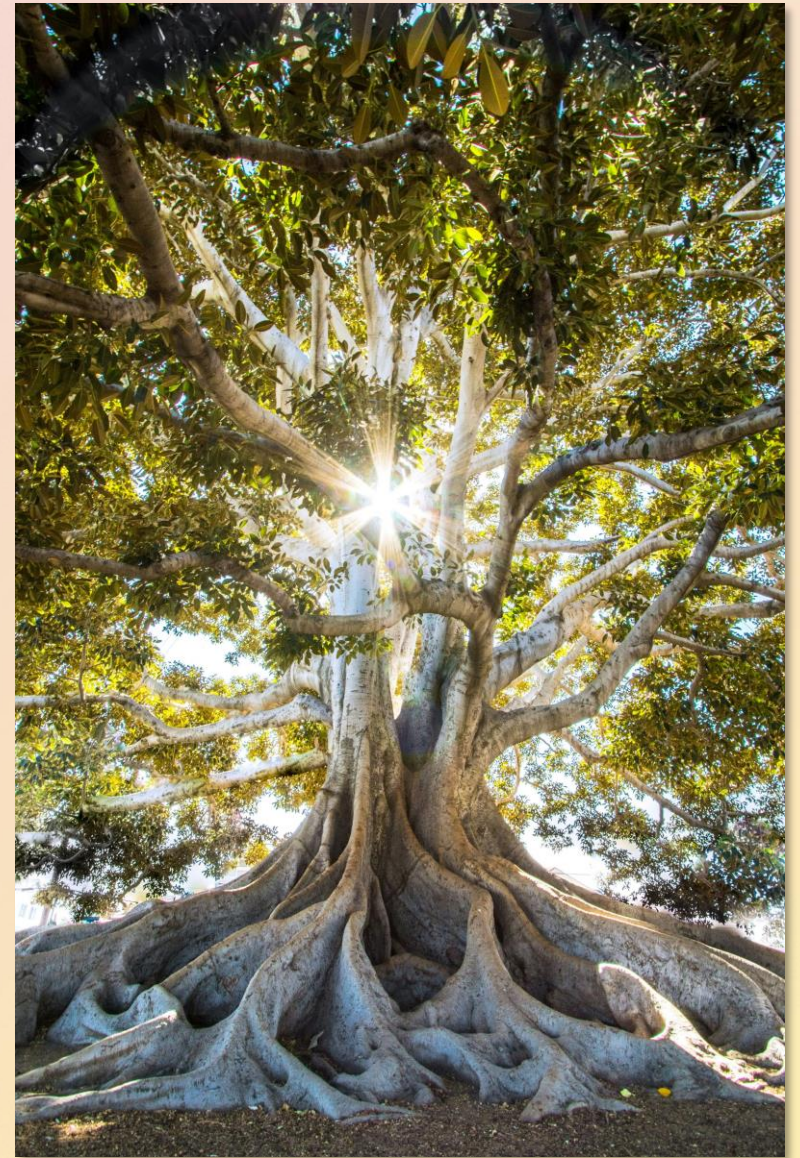
# Shaping the message



How do we excite, enthuse and inspire?

How do we build allies?

How do we galvanise people to take action?



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# Contributing to the Civil Society Covenant: Drop in workshops



For larger organisations with an income over £1m:

- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November

For smaller organisations with an income under £1m:

- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

<https://www.ncvo.org.uk/get-involved/civil-society-covenant/>



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Thank you