

Working Together in Enfield

Presentation to Community Links Bromley
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2009-2010
Supporting
independent living
for disabled adults



About Enfield

- 5th largest London borough



- Mix of wards
- Total population of 288,000+
- 54.2% classify themselves at BME
- Largest Cypriot population in UK

Enfield's Compact

- Sets out principles for working together
- Police (along with Council and PCT) were among the founder members
- Organised by a Compact Review Board

Compact
working together | better together

What does the Compact mean?

- Ensures that the VCS is involved
- Sorts out disagreements through mediation and conflict resolution
- Makes everyone act responsibly
- Makes communication and consultation better
- Makes funding easier to understand

What does the Compact do?

- Annual conference
- Annual report
- Regular newsletter
- **Publicity leaflets**
- Currently **reviewing** Compact in light of national developments
- **Communication guide** for agencies dealing with the VCS
- **Training** on partnership working



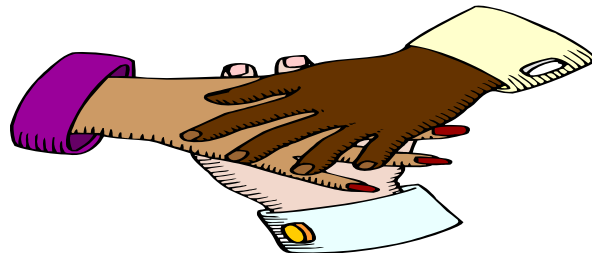
Faith and belief in Enfield

- Most common faith or religion is Christian (63.2%)
- 9% of our population are Muslim
- One in eight people say that they have no faith or belief



Faith Forum history

- Enfield Police appointed a Faith Officer
- Made links with faith leaders
- Developed into the Faith Forum
- Works together to promote peace, mutual understanding and respect
- To be a forum for consultation and discussion between the police, fire service, council, faith communities, and others



What do we do? 1

Month of Peace (September) - religions open their doors

- Hindu Tamil Temple
- St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church
- Nanak Darbar Sikh Gurdwara
- Palmers Green United Reformed Church
- Southgate Progressive Synagogue
- Our Lady & St George Catholic Church
- Palmers Green Mosque



What do we do? 2

- Multi-Faith Identity Card scheme
- Trained more street pastors
- Youth diversionary activities
- Community safety activities
- Edmonton Carnival
- Widening membership of SACRE
- Flu pandemic
- Volunteers for Youth Offending Panels
- Life Opportunities for Young People scrutiny commission

Lessons learned

- Never rely on a single method of engagement
- Relationships take time to build
- Need for champions Always aim for solutions
- Avoid blaming people
- Encourage communities to work with, not against, each other
- Journey, not a destination – a continuous process that never ends



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