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### **November 2009**

#### **Achieving national recognition**

The Solihull Partnership has recently been awarded the prestigious Local Compact of the Year Award for excellent partnership working at a local level.

The Partnership has been recognised for its work to ensure that local residents are treated fairly and have an equal chance to access services and opportunities across the borough.



The Compact Plus for Solihull 2008-2013 received the accolade at the recent Compact Awards 2009 in recognition of improved engagement and partnership working between local public bodies and the third sector – voluntary and community sector organisations in Solihull.

The Compact Plus is a long-standing agreement developed by The Solihull Partnership that sets out shared commitments and guidelines, and that by working better together make a greater impact for the benefit of local residents, neighbourhoods and communities in Solihull.

Councillor Bob Sleight, Cabinet Member for Healthier Communities and Partnerships, said: “We are extremely delighted to win this national award. Partnership is seen as the most effective way of delivering what we are working to achieve in Solihull. Our Compact Plus is the roadmap which sets our course for working together. The award recognises our achievement so far and spurs us on together to do even more.”

The annual awards were organised by the Commission for the Compact in partnership with Compact Voice and the Office of the Third Sector. The award was presented at a ceremony at the Dali Universe in London earlier this month.

**PIC CAPTION: (L-R) Councillor Bob Sleigh, Faisal Hussain - Head of Community and Voluntary Relations, Melanie Lockey - Head of Partnership Commissioning, and Dave Mattocks – Chair of the Third Sector Network, proudly present Local Compact of The Year Award for The Solihull Partnership.**

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