



***Do you work in Wolverhampton or Dudley for either a third sector organisation, or in the statutory sector?***

## Train to be a Volunteer Mediator for the Compact Mediation Project

The aim of the Wolverhampton Compact Mediation Project is to resolve disputes between third sector organisations and statutory sector partners. A primary objective is to resolve disputes in such a way that the parties are able to continue to work together and to improve future partnership working.

Could you be a mediator? Can you answer yes to the following questions?

- Do you want the opportunity to be one of 12 people from Wolverhampton to learn from internationally renowned mediators on an accredited course?
- Do you have the skills, personal qualities and commitment to train as a volunteer mediator?
- Can you commit to 5 full days training (8.30am-6.00pm) in March/April 2010? *Attendance on all days is a requirement of the course and accreditation. There will be a block of 2 days and a block of 3 days training together. Working dates are 24, 25 March; April 14, 15, and 16 (2010).*
- Are you prepared to do 16 hours essential pre-reading before the course?
- Will you be available after the training to carry out up to 2 voluntary mediations a year? (If you are employed, an employer's commitment to release you is required before you start the course).
- Do you live in the Wolverhampton All Saints and Blakenhall Community Development (ABCD) Area? If so, if you are a successful applicant, the course is **free of charge**. We actively encourage people from the ABCD area to apply. If you live in another part of Wolverhampton or in Dudley, the cost is £2,850 per person. Suitable applicants of both kinds are required for the course to go ahead.
- To qualify for the course are you prepared for an application and selection procedure including an application form and an interview (possibly by telephone)?

The mediation course is offered by the Compact Monitoring and Implementation Group (MAIG). It is funded by ABCD and WVSC; organised by WVSC with trainers from the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR).

Being a mediator accredited with the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) is highly respected. The Compact Mediation Project is committed to providing quality training and further support to enable the third sector and the public sector to resolve disputes in a way that will enable them to continue to work together. The CMP is also committed to providing trained mediators with further training to develop knowledge about the Wolverhampton Compact. Mediators will be consulted on the design of the mediation service as it develops out of this project.

### ***How to Apply***

Contact Kath Pye at WVSC and ask for an application pack for the Compact Mediation Training. Telephone 01902 328 977; email: [kpye@wolverhamptonvsc.org.uk](mailto:kpye@wolverhamptonvsc.org.uk). It is important you contact us as soon as possible if you intend to apply. The application process must be completed well in advance of the start date of the course to allow time for the pre-course reading. Therefore the closing date for completed applications is **Thursday 11 February 2010**.