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Governance

Central government sets the policy direction for youth volunteering activities and may provide funding for relevant programmes to meet its policy objectives, such as the National Citizen Service; #iwill (the national campaign for youth social action); and the national volunteering database, [Do-it.org](#). These programmes are delivered by a wide range of youth and community organisations.

The [Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport](#) is responsible for out-of-school volunteering opportunities for young people, such as social action and the National Citizen Service. Prior to 2016, this responsibility sat with the Cabinet Office. Information about the organisations it works with to deliver these services is provided in 2.4.

Cross-sectoral cooperation

Many volunteering programmes and activities involve charitable and other organisations working in the Third (voluntary) Sector. The framework for the relationship of these organisations with government is contained in the [Compact](#), the 2010 agreement between government and the voluntary and community sector (often referred to as Civil Society).

The Compact sets out a way of working that aims to ensure that the government works effectively in partnership with the voluntary and community sector to achieve common goals and outcomes for the benefit of communities and citizens in England. All government departments are signed up to the Compact.