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D2N2 Active Engagement Bulletin: January 2018

Happy New Year to all from D2N2 and One East Midlands in our first edition of the Active Engagement bulletin for 2018; news, activities and opportunities relating to the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) for the VCS and partners. This bulletin is distributed at the start of every month; providing a round-up of recent news and highlighting what's coming up.

For information on the role of LEPs and their relevance to your work please visit the One East Midlands [policy page](#). Information specific to D2N2 can be found [here](#) at One East Midlands or on the D2N2 website at www.d2n2lep.org

If you would like to contact the Active Engagement Officer at D2N2 or have items of relevance to this bulletin please contact Rachel.quinn@d2n2lep.org or tel: 07551 124225.

All change at the top at D2N2

David Ralph, Chief Executive of D2N2, stepped down from his role in December after 5 years in post. Matthew Wheatley, formerly the D2N2 LEP's Growth Plan Manager, has been appointed as the new Chief Executive of the LEP with immediate effect. Matt has been with the LEP since 2011. For more information please see the D2N2 ['News'](#) section.

Sajeeda Rose has also joined the staff team as Senior Manager - Growth Deal and Capital Programmes, leading on the management of the LEP's Local Growth Fund, Enterprise Zone and has extensive experience, having formerly been Assistant Chief Executive of Northamptonshire LEP and previously held a number of positions at East Midlands Development Agency.

ERDF Calls Launched: Innovation and SME Competitiveness

The following calls are open for applications in D2N2:

- Priority Axis 1- Promoting Research and Innovation
- Priority Axis 3 – Enhancing the Competitiveness of Small and Medium Sized Employers

The deadline for submission of outline applications is 26th January 2017

For more information, links to the call specification and applications portal and details of the information events (9/1/18 & 11/1/18), visit the D2N2 TA website at:

<http://www.d2n2ta.org/news/erdf-open-call-innovation-and-sme-competitiveness/>

Update correspondence from Head of ESF to ESIF Sub-Committees

Dr Catherine Blair, Head of ESF for Department for Work and Pensions, has written to all LEP ESIF sub-committee members with an update on ESF progress to date and updating on priorities for 2018.

Key points include:

- 47% of the total ESF programme is now committed.
- Improvements to the online project reporting and e:claims system are due in early part of 2018.
- ESFA co-financing is likely to be extended until April 2019; ESIF Sub-Committees are encouraged to make contact with ESFA if they have not already done so.
- A rolling programme of future call development will begin from February 2018 with priority given to those LEPs with low current commitment.
- Likely potential to extend, review and revise Youth Engagement Initiative use in eligible areas beyond existing contracts; including the potential for additional future calls.

You can read the full letter [here](#).

Derby awarded £1M Migration Fund

Derby City Council has been awarded £965,084 over 24 months to support proposals to mitigate impacts on established residents of high levels of migration into their communities after bidding for the money from the Controlling Migration Fund. The fund, which was set up by the government, is designed to support local areas facing pressures linked to migration.

For more information visit the [Derby City Council](#) website.

The Big Assembly 2018: 8th March, 10.30 am

'The Big Assembly' is a live video stream to thousands across the UK wanting to find out more about apprenticeships and career options post 16.

Brought to you during National Apprenticeship Week and on International Women's day, this second Big Assembly will attempt to beat last year's record of 10,000 people being online all at the same time for careers advice and guidance. This year they're focusing on diversity and social mobility.

Schools, young people, parents, careers advisors and employers from across the nation are invited at 10.30, on 8 March 2018 to take part in this year's Big Assembly.

Registration to attend and log in for this exciting and memorable event opens soon – follow @bigassembly on twitter for news.

If you are an employer of apprentices and want to get involved in this and other activities brought to you in partnership with the regions Apprentice Ambassador Network, or for more information about the Big Assembly, contact Helen Richardson, helen@workpays.co.uk 07772357890

Derbyshire Law Centre Open Day: 26th January, 12-2pm

Want to know more about the work of Derbyshire Law Centre or community legal services and support providers? Derbyshire Law Centre is opening its doors to both individuals and organisations to find out more about their services which include:

- Housing and homelessness advice team;
- Debt advice and casework;
- Employment legal advice service;
- Immigration advice services;
- Community care advice;
- Work readiness support

For more information click [here](#).

Are you ready for GDPR?

The Digital Growth Programme has a series of GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) awareness-raising seminars taking place from October across Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire. Seminars are open to all organisations. You can read more about GDPR by reading the project's latest blog at '[What does GDPR mean for SMEs?](#)'

Breakfast seminars *Getting Ready for GDPR* take place between 8am to 11am on:

- 17 January 2018: Trent Lock Golf Club, NG10 2FY
- 23 January 2018: Park Inn, Nottingham
- 12 February 2018: Worksop Turbine Innovation Centre, S81 8AP (8.30-11.30am)
- 22 February 2018: Mansfield i-Centre, NG18 5BR
- 2 March 2018: Newark Beacon, NG24 2TN

Book your place [here](#).

The Information Commissioners Office has published a [guide to the GDPR](#) that explains the provisions of the GDPR to help organisations comply with its requirements. It is for those who have day-to-day responsibility for data protection.

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