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### **D2N2 Active Engagement Bulletin: August 2017**

Welcome to the August 2017 edition of the D2N2 LEP and One East Midlands Active Engagement bulletin on 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](http://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](mailto:Rachel.quinn@d2n2lep.org) or tel: 07551 124225.

### **D2N2 Community Programme: Active Inclusion Grants Programme call OPEN**

Department for Work & Pensions have announced the stage 1 call window for the D2N2 Active Inclusion Grants Programme. This call is for managing agent(s) to manage the grants programme across the D2N2 area. The deadline for Stage 1 applications is **27<sup>th</sup> September 2017**. Please note this is a 2-stage application process.

Full details of the call and links to additional background information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/european-structural-investment-funds/active-inclusion-in-d2n2-oco8s17p0801>

The D2N2 Community Programme will provide locally owned, innovative activity in communities across D2N2 which add social value and promote excellence in equalities and environmental sustainability.

'Active Inclusion' is the first module of the D2N2 Community Programme which will be delivered through a delegated Community Grants programme. This grants programme aims to promote equal opportunities, improve employability and support active participation from communities across the D2N2 area. The main beneficiaries of this programme will be those who are unemployed or inactive who require dedicated support to move closer to employment.

The Active Inclusion Community Grant programme will be available across the 4 geographic delivery areas of Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. Applicants can apply to administer the Active Inclusion Community Grant in one or more delivery areas and schemes will run for no more than 3 years.

It is envisaged that grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 will be available to support local community activity.

This call is published via the DWP open call process. The total ESF funding available to support this activity is **£1,500,000**. **ESF can support up to 50% of eligible costs. Applicants will need to have eligible match funding for the balance of costs which must be from a source other than the European Union.**

The intention is to award multiple contracts. Proposals should:

- be for a minimum of £50,000 ESF
- deliver activities eligible for ESF, and
- be in line with the D2N2 LEP Commissioning Principles and Delivery Criteria

Prospective applicants who are interested in delivering the programme can contact Rachel Quinn, D2N2 Active Engagement Officer at [Rachel.quinn@d2n2lep.org](mailto:Rachel.quinn@d2n2lep.org) for more information.

Technical assistance workshops to support potential applicants will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> August in Derby and Nottingham, and will include a focus on eligible match funding. To pre-register your interest in attending one of the workshops please email [Sandra.casey@d2n2lep.org](mailto:Sandra.casey@d2n2lep.org)

### **SIEAG Membership Recruitment - Applications Invited**

Following last month's call for expressions of interest, from VCSE organisations wishing to become members of SIEAG, the call window has now been extended.

At the last meeting of SIEAG a full membership review was undertaken. This review highlighted a drop in overall membership and gaps in representation from across the D2N2 geographical patch and the thematic specialisms that the group seeks to engage with.

The recruitment process is being managed by One East Midlands. Anyone interested in applying is encouraged to read the [recruitment details](#) and the SIEAG [Terms of Reference](#) for more information.

The extended deadline for applications is **Midday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017**. Applications should be made on no more than 2 sides of A4 and sent to [office@one-em.org.uk](mailto:office@one-em.org.uk)

### **D2N2 Health & Social Care Handbook**

This recent publication supports employers and those interested in seeking employment in the Health & Social Care Sector across D2N2. The handbook provides up to date information relating to career pathways and recruitment support and covers employment and careers information from apprenticeships and level 1/2 through to graduate careers.

[D2N2 Health & Social Care Handbook](#)

### **Life Chances Fund – Open for applications across all strands**

The Government Inclusive Economy Unit (DCMS) has announced that the [Life Chances Fund](#) is now open for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for Social Impact Bonds for all six themes including two new themes: Older People's services and Healthy Lives.

The six policy areas in which proposals are sought are:

1. Drug and Alcohol
2. Children's Services
3. Young People
4. Early Years
5. Older People
6. Healthy Lives

Expressions of Interest must be submitted by noon 15th September 2017 via the [LCF website](#) where you can find more information and guidance on the policy areas.

### **ESIF Case Studies published**

Case study booklets featuring good practice examples of both ERDF and ESF project delivery have been published on the gov.uk website. The ESF booklet in particular includes a range of VCS-led projects successfully delivering against ESF outcomes and will provide a useful resource for anyone considering a future ESF application.

The following link provides access to these and other useful publications relating to the 2014-20 ESIF programme:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/european-structural-and-investment-funds-useful-resources>

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