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

Welcome to the July 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)

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#### **D2N2 Social Inclusion & Equalities Steering Group (SIEAG)**

The SIEAG meeting took place on the 1<sup>st</sup> June in Long Eaton. Items for discussion included a review of SIEAG membership and Terms of Reference, an analysis of D2N2 'State of the Economy' and performance indicators and a review of future ESIF spend across the D2N2 area. Draft minutes of the meeting can be viewed [here](#).

The next SIEAG meeting will take place in September – date currently being rearranged for w/c 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. If you would like to suggest anything for inclusion in the next SIEAG agenda please contact Rachel Quinn via the details at the top of this bulletin.

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

Expressions of interest from VCSE organisations wishing to become members of SIEAG are now invited.

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 deadline for applications is **midday 24<sup>th</sup> July 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)

## **VCSE: D2N2 Engagement events – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

At the last meeting of SIEAG it was agreed to create an opportunity for the VCSE to find out more about relevant D2N2 delivery and progress and to begin a conversation about how the VCSE can further contribute towards the delivery of D2N2 objectives. This request comes at a time when the LEP is beginning to reassess the Strategic Economic Plan for the D2N2 area but also as conventional match funding for programmes is looking uncertain.

2 events now provide this opportunity. For more information about both events or to book your place click [here](#).

## **D2N2 Annual Conference**

Bookings are still open for the D2N2 Annual Conference on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017**. This year's event is being held at Derbyshire County Cricket ground and includes speakers from a range of key local industries. For more information and booking visit the D2N2 website [here](#).

## **Nottingham Broadmarsh Redevelopment Begins**

Major disruption to the south of Nottingham City is expected as work begins on the demolition of the Nottingham Broadmarsh bus station and car park. Nottingham City Council has set up a website to provide information on progress for visitors and local residents and businesses at [www.betterbroadmarsh.com](http://www.betterbroadmarsh.com)

## **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.

## D2N2 Vacancies and Tenders

East Midlands Chamber and D2N2 are currently recruiting for 4 Stakeholder Managers to work across local authority areas in D2N2 to support delivery of *Building Better Opportunities*. The deadline for applications is midday on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017

An Invitation to Tender has also been released for the provision of consultancy services to inform the future ESF call for an Health & Wellbeing pilot. You can view the tender on the weblink below or download [here](#).

To see all current D2N2 vacancies and tenders visit our website at <http://www.d2n2lep.org/vacancies-and-tenders>

## Resumption of National Careers Service Q&A sessions

Following a pause during the extended period of purdah, the National Careers Service question and answer sessions is now resuming on their social media channels (Facebook and Twitter).

Sessions will take place on Wednesdays - Twitter will run from 11am – 1pm and the Facebook session will run from 7pm until 9pm. The sessions will be on an “open mic” basis – any and all questions on careers, education and training are welcome – and the sessions are open to customers in England of all ages from 13 upwards.

Sessions will take place every Wednesday until further notice. @NationalCareers



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