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D2N2 Active Engagement Bulletin: November 2017

Welcome to the November 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

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D2N2 Social Inclusion & Equalities Advisory Group (SIEAG)

Follow this link to the [draft minutes](#) of the SIEAG meeting held on 25th September 2017. A copy of the [letter to Big Lottery Fund](#) mentioned in the minutes can also be viewed.

The next meeting is due to take place on the 7th December and will include a major focus on the consultation into the revision of the D2N2 Strategic Economic Plan (SEP). Please contact Rachel Quinn (rachel.quinn@d2n2lep.org) if you have any questions or comments regarding the above.

One East Midlands Conference and AGM – Friday 1st December, Nottingham

One East Midlands' annual conference for the VCSE will debate major issues facing the sector – focusing on some key themes, and look at national, regional and local responses; including:

- European Funds – a significant part of VCSE delivery, is tapering to an end by 2022. Their replacement will be a new Shared Prosperity Fund but how successfully is the VCSE influencing this replacement fund?
- Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEP) are rewriting their Strategic Economic Plans. How are the needs and priorities of the VCSE being embedded?
- Building links between Health and Wellbeing provision and economic planning. How is this happening, what are the implications and how can the VCSE influence?

The event is free to One EM members, £35.00 for non members. For more information and to book your place visit <http://oneeastmidlands.org.uk/node/5697>

D2N2 ESF Programme Review Published

A review of progress, performance and learning from all existing ESF programme in D2N2 has been undertaken by Chimera Consulting and Blinkbright. The review provides a detailed insight into the effectiveness of current ESF provision and highlights further opportunities for improvement to inform future commissioning.

The report provides specific feedback in relation to the:

- quality of the commissioning process,
- strategic alignment of the services procured,
- gaps in supply; informing future need and targeting,
- match funding, and
- project administration and contract management.

A full copy of the report, including Executive Summary, can be downloaded from the Key Documents page on the [D2N2 website](#).

ESF 'Health & Wellbeing Pilot' scoping research – update

Thank you to all organisation that contributed to the research undertaken by Richmond Baxter Ltd into the scoping of the D2N2 Health & Wellbeing Programme. The final report has now been published – view the [full report](#) on the D2N2 website or download the Executive Summary [here](#).

The team at D2N2 are now in the process of producing draft ESIF call documentation for approval by the D2N2 ESIF sub-committee in January. Further information on timings of any call launch will be made available on the D2N2 website and through this bulletin.

ERDF Priority Axis 5 – Climate Change: call launched

A reminder that a call for projects promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management in Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire is still open.

Up to £1,500,000 of European Regional Development Funding is available to organisations wishing to deliver projects which address specific risks, ensuring disaster resilience and developing disaster management through this call.

The call is a two-stage process with stage 1 open until **Friday 10th November 2017**.

For more information and links to the full call specification visit:

<http://www.d2n2lep.org/EUFunding/Calls-Guidance-and-Application-Forms>

Greater Nottingham Sustainable Urban Development Strategy (SUDS) – Call launch

A call to enhance access to, and use of, Information and Communications Technology, the competitiveness of small and medium enterprises and supports the shift towards a low carbon economy in the Greater Nottingham area has been launched.

Up to £9,800,700 of funding is available through this call for projects with a minimum value of £500,000 of European Regional Development Fund funding. Applicants must identify that they can provide eligible match funding at 50% of total project costs.

For more information and links to additional supporting documentation read the launch literature [here](#).

Revised D2N2 ESF Programme Guide

Following changes to contact details across some of the core D2N2 ESF programmes, a revised guide with contact details has been published. The most up to date guide can be found on the D2N2 website at:

<http://www.d2n2lep.org/write/Documents/Skills/local-skills-support-2015-2018.pdf>

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. For more information and to book your place, please follow this [link](#). You can also read the Digital Growth Programme's latest blog '[What does GDPR mean for SMEs?](#)'

November Breakfast Seminars: Getting Ready for GDPR take place between 8am to 11am on:

- 9 November 2017: Attenborough Nature Centre & Reserve, Nottinghamshire
- 23 November 2017: Mercure, the Grand Hotel, Leicester
- 23 January 2018: Park Inn, Nottingham

Nottingham Women's Centre are recruiting....

....for a Service Development Manager. Closing date Monday 13th November at 12 noon. For more information view their [bulletin](#).

Health & Wellbeing Fund for Social Prescribing Launched

Department of Health and Public Health England are inviting applications to set up a new social prescribing scheme or to support the expansion of an existing scheme.

Through this programme, the Department of Health, NHS England and Public Health England are working with VCSE organisations to promote equality, address health inequalities and support the wellbeing of people, families and communities.

Deadline for applications is **noon on 21st November 2017**. For more information and to apply visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-and-wellbeing-fund-2017-to-2018-application-form>

Big Sleep Out – ‘Sleep out so that others don’t have to!’

The annual *Big Sleep Out*, organised by Framework Housing Association, takes place on Saturday November 18th. The event raises funds and awareness for the rising numbers of people facing homelessness; with rough sleeping counts in Nottingham alone being at the highest recorded level since the late 1990s.

To find out more and sign up to take part visit www.frameworkha.org/bigsleepout or download the event literature [here](#).

Place Based Social Action (PBSA) - programme launched

PBSA is a joint £4.5m programme between the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and Big Lottery Fund (The Fund). PBSA aims to create a shared vision between citizens, communities, local non-statutory organisations and the statutory sector for the future of their place. The programme will support the Fund’s commitment to supporting communities to deliver the change they want to see locally.

Potential partnerships can apply to be part of the programme and organisations can bid to support the delivery of the programme by visiting the [Big Lottery fund website](#).

Office for Civil Society Announce 50+ Volunteering Evidence Review

OCS has announced the start of a call for evidence, in partnership with the Centre for Ageing Better, looking at how to enable more people aged 50 and over to contribute their time, skills and experience to their communities.

The evidence review will include calls for insight and evidence and a series of roundtables. Please circulate the link below (Centre for Ageing Better website) to any stakeholders you know of who may have an interest in participating in the evidence review by providing their insights and examples of best practice, or potentially attending one of the roundtables: <https://www.ageing-better.org.uk/news/drive-increase-volunteering-community-activity-people-50/>

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