

## **What do you need to know about your Local Enterprise Partnership.....and what opportunities are there for the VCS?**

### **Agenda**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July, Kings Park Conference and Sports Centre**

- 9.30am Registration and coffee
- 10am Welcome and introductions
- 10.10am Aims and Purpose of the workshop
- 10.20am The future role of LEPs in the next programme of EU Structural Funding
- 10.50am The role of the VCS in the 2014-20 EU Structural Fund programme
- 11.10am Lessons learnt - The role of the VCS in the current 07/13 ERDF programme
- 11.25am Q & A
- 11.40am Break
- 11.50am Round table discussions
- Barriers to engaging effectively
  - What role does the VCS have next EU programme? What is our offer around social inclusion in the next programme?
  - What should communication and relationships between the VCS and LEP's look like and what are we seeking to achieve?
- 12.35pm Next Steps
- 12.45pm Lunch
- 1.30pm Workshops
- **Project management**- understanding effective management of an ERDF project, including tips on keeping an audit trail, ensuring sufficient cash flow, monitoring and evaluation and adhering to the ERDF procurement policy
  - **State Aid** - an introduction to state aid and what organisations need to know to comply with State Aid rules and regulations when applying for EU funding.
  - **Understanding your local economy** - introduction to economic principles and their relevance to the work of social purpose organisations; looking at the use of economic data in evidencing need/ opportunity and evaluating your economic impact
  - **Marketing your EU Project** – guidance, hints and tips to effective marketing of your ERDF project and complying with the EU marketing guidance
- 2.30pm Close