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One East Midlands MEP Guide 2013

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Introduction

| Following the success of our first three annual MP Guides in 2011, 2012 and 2013, we are now publishing our first East Midlands MEP guide. |
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| The guide is organised alphabetically by MEP name. All information is up to date as of March 2013. |
| For each MEP you will find details of their political party, European group and committees, alongside their contact details and Twitter feeds. |
| In addition at the front of this booklet you will find useful introductions to the European Parliament and One East Midlands ERDF Reach and Impact project. |
| For further information on individual MEPs and the European Parliament visit <u>www.europarl.org.uk</u> . |
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For further information on the ERDF Reach and Impact project visit www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk/reachandimpact.

Introduction to European Parliament

The European Parliament is the only directly-elected body of the European Union. The 736 Members of the European Parliament are elected once every five years, since 1979, by voters right across the 27 Member States of the European Union on behalf of its 500 million citizens.

Together with the Council of the European Union and the European Commission, the European Parliament exercises the legislative function of the EU and it has been described as one of the most powerful legislatures in the world.

The European Parliament represents the second largest democratic electorate in the world, after the Parliament of India, and the largest trans-national democratic electorate in the world equaling 375 million eligible voters in 2009.

Although the European Parliament has legislative power that the European Council and European Commission do not possess, it does not formally possess legislative initiative, as most national parliaments of European Union member states do.

Parliament is also the "first institution" of the EU, meaning that it is mentioned first in the treaties and

has ceremonial precedence over all authority at European level, and shares equal legislative and budgetary powers with the European Council, except in a few areas where the special legislative procedures apply. The European Parliament also has equal control with the European Council over the EU budget.

The European Commission, the executive body of the EU, is accountable to Parliament. In particular, Parliament elects the President of the Commission, and approves, or rejects, the appointment of the Commission as a whole. It can subsequently force the Commission as a body to resign by adopting a motion of censure.

For further information on the European Parliament visit <u>www.europarl.org.uk</u>.

Introduction to Reach & Impact project

Running from now until March 2015, the ERDF funded Reach and Impact project, match funded by ERDF and the Big Lottery Fund and located within One East Midlands, will deliver a range of support activities, primarily focused on eligible communities and projects within the East Midlands, to increase the understanding of ERDF funding.

Activity will focus on:

- increasing awareness
- increasing voluntary and community sector (VCS) engagement
- unlocking potential match funding
- Supporting the development of local collaborative programmes
- Improving impact and learning.

The project will focus on specific communities, but will also seek to ensure non geographically based projects are linked with local economic priorities.

The project will deliver a range of support activities including:

- Case studies and publicity to increase awareness and understanding of practical applications of ERDF
- Focused events and for, and work with, VCS organisations to increase engagement

- Develop tools and resources for funding advisors to build capacity to advise on ERDF funding
- Identifying new potential sources of match with traditional VCS funders
- Support East Midlands Councils in the role of developing learning, and capacity within eligible communities and projects by supporting collaborative local partnerships in with VCS organisations and supporting peer learning.

The beneficiaries and target audience are:

- VCS organisations across the East Midlands
- VCS support providers
- VCS funders and investors
- Providers of VCS funding advice
- Existing project managers delivering ERDF projects
- Local authority leads.

For further information, resources and to sign up to receive the monthly Reach & Impact e-bulletin visit <u>www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk/reachandimpact</u>.

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Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (member) Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (member) One East Midlands is a registered charity, working with the voluntary and community and wider third sector.

One East Midlands brings together organisations that support voluntary and community groups across the region to influence and shape policy, improve services and provide a single point of contact at a regional level for all stakeholders.

One East Midlands is accountable to its members: voluntary and community organisations, frontline groups, public and private sector agencies. Through its membership, the sector is able to influence One East Midlands' work and ensure that the organisation does what it sets out to do.

For more information on our membership visit the website at <u>www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk</u>.



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