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**D2N2 Social Inclusion & Equalities Advisory Group Meeting**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30am – 12.30pm**

**Erewash CVS, Granville Avenue, Long Eaton, NG10 4HD**

**Attendees**

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| Jane Howson            | Autism East Midlands                   |
| Richard Kirkland       | D2N2 LEP                               |
| Colin Bradley          | Groundwork Greater Nottingham          |
| Lisa Capell            | The Prince's Trust                     |
| Helen Kearsley Cree    | Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire |
| Kim Harper             | Community Action Derby                 |
| James Lee              | Links CVS                              |
| Rosie Morton           | Derbyshire County Council              |
| Michael Henry          | Communities Inc                        |
| Sandra Casey (minutes) | One East Midlands                      |

**Apologies**

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| Rachel Quinn   | D2N2 LEP          |
| Bettina Lange  | CPRE              |
| Jules Sebelin  | Nottingham CVS    |
| Catherine Burn | Bassetlaw CVS     |
| Andria Birch   | Fircroft College  |
| Laurie Moran   | One East Midlands |

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| <b>1.0</b> | <b>Welcome / introductions / declarations of interest</b>   |  |
| 1.1        | Jane welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no new declarations of interest.  |  |
| <b>2.0</b> | <b>D2N2 Board and ESIF committee – key points of next meeting</b>   |  |
| 2.1        | Key items for discussion will be SEP refresh, State of the Economy report (see paper circulated with SIEAG agenda), review of LEP performance, ESF cliff edge and lack of match, science and innovation audit, post 16 education area review (report <a href="#">online</a> ), trial skills portal set up (one stop shop of what's out there), HS2 growth strategy.<br><br>Discussion points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State of the Economy report shows significant public spending reductions and increase in poor quality private sector jobs</li> </ul> |  |



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|            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• lack of match – letters have been sent to the Managing Authority, ESFA and Big Lottery to express concerns</li> <li>• Active Communities small grants programme – concern about defrayal after DWP confirmed that defrayal evidence will be at the point that grant recipients show defrayal from their bank account. This poses a serious risk for the organisation administering the Programme and there was concern about ‘clawing back’ funding from small community groups which may cause the groups to close</li> <li>• a recent enquiry to Big Lottery Fund has resulted in being told that they will not be funding volunteer programmes as they say this is the remit of the Building Better Opportunities programme. However people who volunteer may not necessarily be eligible for the BBO programme</li> <li>• concern about ESIF admin processes and beneficiary eligibility being too complicated and onerous</li> <li>• importance of the ESIF programme and how it benefits individuals and communities that need it</li> <li>• people accessing support are now showing more complex and challenging needs (one project showed that 90% of beneficiaries had mental health issues). This has been recognised at national level but as yet has not been translated into a funded programme</li> <li>• recent report by NCVO showing 38% decrease in VCSE income</li> </ul> |   |
| 2.a.1      | <p><b>Inclusive Growth</b> – see report by Nottingham Civic Exchange and RSA (circulated with the agenda)<br/>Growth is not reaching all areas and is actually driving further inequalities. There is a need to ensure this does not happen and social inequalities is high on the D2N2 agenda, with it being included as part of the SEP refresh. The BBC has also published an <a href="#">article</a> on debt, showing Nottingham City as being 4<sup>th</sup> on the list of areas where more than 20% of residents have problem debt.</p>   | Potential to set up task & finish group to focus on inclusive growth                |
| <b>3.0</b> | <b>D2N2 Decision Making Processes - presentation</b>   |   |
| 3.1        | Rachel was unable to attend the meeting  | Rachel/Richard to create D2N2 process map for circulation prior to December meeting |



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| <b>4.0</b> | <b>VCSE engagement update</b>   |  |
| 4.1        | Rachel was unable to attend the meeting   | Rachel to update at December meeting         |
| <b>5.0</b> | <b>SIEAG review – progress and recruitment update</b>   |  |
| 5.1        | A recruitment process has taken place and there were 3 applications to join SIEAG. The applications were circulated to current SIEAG members for comment and no concerns were received. The applications were therefore accepted. Applications were received from James Lee (CEO of Links CVS), Jill Jeffries (Deputy Director of Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Refugee Forum) and Dadir Omar (Executive Director of Hamaari).                               |  |
| <b>6.0</b> | <b>Inclusion dashboard – data options</b>   |  |
| 6.1        | Rachel unable to attend the meeting   | Rachel to update at December meeting         |
| <b>7.0</b> | <b>D2N2 Programme Update</b>  |  |
| <b>7a</b>  | <b>Active Inclusion grants programme</b>  |  |
| 7a.1       | The Active Inclusion grants programme has been launched and the open call closes on 27/9/17. Two workshops have been held with lead applicant/delivery partner interest details circulated to attendees. Delegates expressed concern about the need to find 50% match, plus the issue of claiming at the point of defrayal from the grant recipient’s bank. D2N2 have researched potential sources of match and will be running workshops on match funding. |  |
| <b>7b</b>  | <b>ESIF match funding – update and letter to BLF</b>  |  |
| 7b.1       | See draft letter copy circulated with SIEAG agenda – the letter will be sent to Big Lottery encouraging them to continue to provide match funding. There is a similar problem in the Sheffield City Region where open calls (and therefore applicant needs to provide match) have led to no applications being received.  |  |
| <b>7c</b>  | <b>Building Better Opportunities and stakeholder roles</b>  |  |
| 7c.1       | The four BBO stakeholder managers have now been recruited with Derbyshire manager in post for two weeks and the others starting in mid to late October. The successful applicants are Rosie Morton for Derbyshire, Sabina Talib for Derby, Sarah Bull for Nottingham and Maria Ward for Nottinghamshire.  |  |
| <b>7d</b>  | <b>Health &amp; Wellbeing pilot – research findings</b>   |  |
|            | Research is being undertaken by Richmond Baxter and report is due in early October.   | Rachel/Richmond Baxter to report at December |



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| <b>8.0</b>  | <b>Minutes of the June meeting</b>  |  |
| 8.1         | The minutes of the June meeting were approved.  |  |
| <b>9.0</b>  | <b>Matters arising from the June meeting</b>  |  |
| 9.1         | As previously noted Rachel delivered a presentation to the D2N2 Board on the role of the VCSE in the D2N2 economy. A follow up presentation about the role of Inclusive Growth is on the D2N2 Board agenda for the September meeting.                         |  |
| <b>10.0</b> | <b>Any other business</b>   |  |
|             | <p>The Prince’s Trust – Lisa advised that Michelle Farmer has been appointed as new regional director.</p> <p>The ESIF technical assistance website will be up and running by the end of October 2017. <a href="http://www.d2n2ta.org">www.d2n2ta.org</a></p> | Rachel to advise on appointment to the national equalities sub-group |
| <b>11.0</b> | <b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> December 7 <sup>th</sup> 2017, 2.00pm to 4.00pm<br>Erewash Voluntary Action, Granville Avenue, Long Eaton<br>NG10 4HD  |  |

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