**VCSE Representation on the D2N2 LEP Board and ESIF Sub Committee:**

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership is seeking to recruit a new representative from the Voluntary, Community & Social Enterprise Sectors to ensure that the views of ‘civil society’ remain central to the LEP’s decision making. One East Midlands will conduct this recruitment process in an open and transparent manner on behalf of D2N2.

The role has previously been held by Sylvia Green, CEO of Rural Action Derbyshire. Sylvia has been an excellent advocate for the ‘civil society’ role in economic development within D2N2 and has ensured that the VCSE has continued to build a strong voice at the table. Sylvia will be stepping down from her current role in April 2017.

We do not anticipate that a single candidate will possess the entire range of skills, knowledge and experience listed; however transferable knowledge and willingness to develop and learn in the role are essential. Your application should make reference to the role and requirements set out in the person specification and also include a statement of your reasons for wishing to become part of the D2N2 Board and what you feel you could contribute.

The deadline for applications is **12.00 noon on Monday 17th April 2017**.

**Background information for candidates**

D2N2 is the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) for Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. The cross-sector partnership plays a central role in deciding local economic priorities and undertaking activities to drive economic growth and create local jobs. D2N2 is the fifth largest of the 39 LEPs in England, covering an area with a population of more than two million people and an economic output in excess of £36 billion.

The LEP’s overarching goal is to create 55,000 private-sector jobs in the D2N2 area by 2023. The vision is a more prosperous, better connected, and increasingly resilient and competitive economy.

D2N2 has a vision and strategy in place (Strategic Economic Plan) to guide its work in boosting the local economy. This strategy is currently in the process of refresh which will include an even greater emphasis on Economic Inclusion.

D2N2 is led by and governed by its Board, made up of high-profile and respected business leaders, local authority leaders and representatives of the higher education, further education and voluntary sectors from across the D2N2 area.

D2N2 has now been fully operational for almost 5 years. In that time they have brought millions of pounds of funding into Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire to support businesses and economic growth. These successes include successfully accessing Growing Places funding, Regional and Local Growth Funds, managing Enterprise Zone investment and supporting a City Deal for Nottingham City.

From 2014 onwards the role of the LEP was expanded to include the strategic prioritisation of c.£250m of European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF). This role expanded the LEP’s remit further, incorporating additional responsibilities for inclusion, skills, employability, equalities, environmental sustainability and rural growth.

In 2013 D2N2 recognised that, in order to address these broader remits effectively, the LEP’s governance arrangement needed to be widened. One East Midlands has since managed the recruitment of both a VCS representative and Equalities representative to the Board and ESIF Sub Committee on behalf of D2N2. Both roles receive support from One East Midlands and the D2N2 Active Engagement Officer

**Application Process**

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This is a representative role and therefore, in the event of a contested appointment, we will hold an interview for potential applicants utilising a panel of VCSE peers w/c 24th April 2017. Applicants should also make provision for availability for the next D2N2 Board meeting on 19th May 2017.

Please see below the role description and person specification for the Board position. Potential applicants are asked to apply in writing (or electronically) to the contacts given below with a statement (of no more than 2 sides of A4) detailing how you meet the person specification.

Please note that this position is unremunerated but for smaller organisations ‘backfill’ payment to cover time spent on LEP work may be made available. Please also note that this is not the only opportunity for formal engagement with D2N2 and we anticipate further opportunities to shape thematic specialisms to arise as the work of D2N2 evolves.

If you have any queries about the Board or the application process, please contact us at office@one-em.org.uk or 0115 9348471 for more information.

Please send completed applications, by the closing date, to:

 One East Midlands

 Nottingham Voluntary Action Centre

7 Mansfield Road

 Nottingham NG1 3FB

Or

 Email to office@one-em.org.uk

For more information about LEPs please read the One EM briefing at <https://www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk/sites/default/files/library/LEPs%20%26%20their%20role%20in%201420%20EU%20Funding%20Programme%20One%20EM%20Briefing_0.pdf#overlay-context=user>

For more information about D2N2 please visit the website at [www.d2n2lep.org](http://www.d2n2lep.org)