



## News Update

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### **An introduction to Nottingham and Derby's Business Connectors**

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Yvonne Fowler (Nottingham) and Nick Tooley (Derby) have been seconded from their roles in the Public Sector and placed full-time as Business Connectors in Nottingham and Derby to help community services tackle local issues.

The Business Connector programme is part of a £4.8m Big Lottery Fund scheme, run by the charity Business in the Community to enable the skills and talent from business and the Civil Service to benefit local communities.

The Business Connectors programme has been backed by HRH the Prince of Wales and Prime Minister David Cameron. The scheme takes talented individuals and places them in communities of greatest need – allowing them to use their time, networks and expertise to connect the needs of their local community with the resource of local business.

Speaking of their roles, Yvonne and Nick said: "we're delighted to be appointed earlier in the year as the Business Connectors for Nottingham and Derby and are grateful to have the opportunity to help the local community".

"As business connectors we aim to build local partnerships to fulfil areas of need across Nottingham and Derby. Our hope is that the connections we make will lead to increasingly positive relationships between the private and voluntary sectors, including local community organisations, with a view to achieving sustainable improvements."

For more details about Yvonne and Nick and their roles as Business Connectors, please contact:

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