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## **D2N2 Active Engagement Bulletin: April 2018**

Welcome to the April edition of the D2N2 and One East Midlands Active Engagement & Skills bulletin; news, activities and opportunities relating to the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) for the VCS and partners. This bulletin is distributed at the start of every month; providing a round-up of recent news and highlighting what's coming up.

For information on the role of LEPs and their relevance to your work please visit the One East Midlands [policy page](#). Information specific to D2N2 can be found [here](#) at One East Midlands or on the D2N2 website at [www.d2n2lep.org](http://www.d2n2lep.org). You can also visit the D2N2 Technical Assistance website at [www.d2n2ta.org](http://www.d2n2ta.org) for information on European Funding and support available to organisations wishing to access European Funding.

If you would like to contact the Active Engagement Officer at D2N2 or have items of relevance to this bulletin please contact [Rachel.quinn@d2n2lep.org](mailto:Rachel.quinn@d2n2lep.org) or tel: 07551 124225.

### **D2N2 Social Inclusion & Equalities Advisory Group (SIEAG)**

The last SIEAG meeting took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> February. The main agenda item was a facilitated workshop on embedding Inclusive Growth across D2N2 Business Planning.

Feedback from the session was collated and is currently being refined ready to submit for inclusion in forward fed back to the D2N2 Board as part of SIEAGs advisory function. More information will be available in the May Bulletin.

A copy of the draft minutes of the meeting can be found [here](#). The next SIEAG meeting will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

### **East Midlands Inclusion Framework**

One East Midlands have procured the support of New Ground Consultancy for delivery of an East Midlands Inclusion Framework.

The purpose of the framework will be to support and inform policy makers and decision makers across the East Midlands in their approach to inclusion activity. This work builds on the previous work of the East Midlands as a leader in social inclusion policy.

For more information and to get involved in the framework development, please visit the [One East Midlands](#) website. Deadline for consultation is May 5th 2018.

## **Launch of 'CIVIL SOCIETY INVOLVEMENT'**

Civil Society Involvement (CSI) is a new programme designed to enhance the voice of the third sector at national level by providing skilled representation and enabling full coverage at the Growth Programme Board and its nine national sub-committees.

The aim of Civil Society Involvement is to work cohesively with the third sector to:

- Understand issues within the current ESIF programme that are affecting the ability of third sector organisations to use European funds effectively; to raise these issues through the national committees and to pro-actively work for solutions.
- To use the knowledge and experience of third sector organisations in the delivery of European funded services to influence the focus of the remaining 2014 – 2020 Programme and to feed into discussions around the Future Prosperity Fund and other legacy funds.
- To communicate information gathered to the sector through easy access digital and web-based channels.

Civil Society Involvement is led by [The Women's Organisation](#).

For more information, to get involved or sign up for information email [info@civilsocietyinvolvement.com](mailto:info@civilsocietyinvolvement.com)

## **Building Resilience and Wellbeing for Growth Conference: 16th May – Derby**

Stress, anxiety and depression within the workplace are at the highest levels ever recorded. According to the Labour Force Survey (LFS), in 2016 45% of all reported absenteeism was accounted to stress. This is now costing UK businesses, over £2.4 billion a year (UK Statistics Authority).

The D2N2 Growth Hub is hosting a 'Building Resilience and Wellbeing for Growth' conference to look at all aspects of wellbeing from HR support to enabling leaders to drive a 'wellbeing culture' for business growth and employee satisfaction and alternately employee retention.

For more information and to book your place visit:

<http://www.d2n2growthhub.co.uk/events-training/7/event-details?id=3584>

## **£30million approved for Nottingham City Hub by D2N2**

A brand new £58million further education and training facility is now set to go ahead after funding was approved by the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership.

The Nottingham City Hub will be the flagship campus of Nottingham College – formed by the merger of New College Nottingham and Central College in June 2017 – and it is set to be one of the largest further education institutions in the UK. For more information read the full [press release](#) on the D2N2 News section.

## **Industrial Strategy Bulletin launched**

A regular bulletin dedicated to updates and information relating to the Industrial Strategy has been launched. To sign up for the bulletin, published by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) visit:

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDECC/subscriber/new?preferences=true>

## **Health & Social Care Conference: Supporting the Development of Leaders, Managers and the Workforce**

Exclusive free business update for registered managers, nominated individuals and business owners in the Health & Social care sector; a unique opportunity to find out what fully funded support for the Health & Social Care sector is coming to the region which will help you improve your business and develop your own and your staff skills.

This 'Skills for Care' event will provide information about:

- Skills for Care's free practical resources available to help leaders and managers recruit, develop and lead their staff – and retain them
- The National Minimum Data Set for Social Care (NMDS-SC) and how this can help with workforce planning
- How to access the Workforce Development Fund – money that you can claim towards the costs of your employees completing adult social care qualifications
- What the integration agenda may mean for the future skills requirements of the social care workforce in the short, medium and long term.

You'll also hear about two exclusive opportunities, one in Nottinghamshire and one in Derbyshire, to attend workshops on how to foster resilience and wellbeing for teams working in social care. In addition, you can hear more about Skills for Care's well regarded Well Led 4 day leadership development programme for managers on a fully funded basis and register for the programme which will also be delivered in the Derbyshire/Nottinghamshire area.

Both of these opportunities will be fully funded through the European Social Fund and therefore will be available at no cost to participants. Local award winning health and social care business woman, Anita Astle, a fellow of Skills for Care, will launch the event.

This conference event is fully funded by the ESF which means you can register for your place for free.

Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible for these free workshops and programme, you must meet the small business eligibility criteria, set out in the booking form.

- You must employ less than 250 employees or full time equivalent
- Be a provider of health and/or social care services
- Carry out these services in Nottinghamshire or Derbyshire including Nottingham City and Derby City

For more information or to book a place visit click [here](#).

## **Future Leader Nottingham – Programme recruitment**

The Future Leaders Nottingham programme is now open for applications for its third year. More information and details of how to apply can be found in the leaflet [here](#).

## **The Big Assembly Rewatch**

Missed this year's Big Assembly? You can still watch what happened.

The Big Assembly is the highlight of National Apprenticeship Week; a live video stream to thousands across the UK wanting to find out more about apprenticeships and career options post 16.

A recording of the live event is now available with subtitles at [www.bigassembly.org](http://www.bigassembly.org)

The video is available with or without subtitles – these can be turned on or off by clicking the 'CC' button on the bottom of the play-bar.

## **Civil Society Strategy: have your say**

Do you want to help shape government's upcoming Civil Society Strategy? [Click here](#) to have your say on how government can work with and for civil society to build a stronger society now and in the future.

Help raise awareness of the Strategy by sharing this [GOV.UK news story](#) with your networks and encourage them to get involved. If you have any questions about the Strategy contact [CivilSocietyStrategy@culture.gov.uk](mailto:CivilSocietyStrategy@culture.gov.uk).

## **Civil Society Brexit update**

The Office for Civil Society (OCS) is championing the civil society sector's views during the Brexit process. They are also here to support the sector through this time of change. They will update you with key messages through this newsletter. You can also contact the OCS EU Exit team with any concerns or comments [here](#).

## **Implementation Period and Withdrawal Agreement**

- On 19th March, the UK and EU negotiating teams reached another important milestone in the Brexit process by agreeing the terms of a time-limited implementation period. The [agreement](#), which is hoped will be endorsed by the March European Council, will give businesses, civil society organisations and citizens the time they need to put in place the new arrangements required, as the terms of our future partnership become clearer.

This marks an important step towards finalising the full Withdrawal Agreement by October, across which the negotiating teams have made substantial progress.

- Access to one another's markets will remain unchanged until the 31 December 2020, meaning citizens, civil society organisations and businesses in the UK and across the EU can plan for life after our withdrawal with confidence.

### **Home Office 'EU citizens' rights in the UK campaign**

In December last year, the UK and the EU reached an agreement which will protect the rights of EU citizens living in the UK after Brexit. The Home Office have launched an [online campaign](#) to provide more information on the process for applying for settled status. More information is available on the webpage [here](#), including how to keep up-to-date with the latest developments. We would encourage you to share this information with your networks and beneficiaries.

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