



## **D2N2 Active Engagement Bulletin: August 2019**

Welcome to the August 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 has temporarily moved to bi-monthly distribution and provides a round-up of recent news and 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)

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### **Inclusion Governance**

#### **D2N2 Inclusion Representatives: Update from Jane Howson**

Calls for applicants for Inclusion Representative roles on D2N2 Advisory Boards closed 31<sup>st</sup> May. The process was successful in identifying inclusion leads for 3 of the Advisory Boards. Members to date are:

- Investment - Jo Bradley-Fortune (Notts YMCA)
- People and Skills – Jane Howson (Autism EM) and Ian Bond (Inspire Culture)
- Business Growth – Linny Beaumont (The Prince's Trust)

Whilst it is great to see some new faces getting involved I was disappointed that applicants were not forthcoming for the Place Board (2 places) and the Innovation Board (1 place). This is a very rare opportunity to embed inclusion across an economic structure and I would encourage anyone with an interest to get involved to contact me for further information about what is involved via [Jane.Howson@autismeastmidlands.org.uk](mailto:Jane.Howson@autismeastmidlands.org.uk).

### **ESIF Programme Updates**

#### **ESF open calls**

There are three current ESF calls open in D2N2. Information on all calls can be found at <https://www.d2n2ta.org/european-structural-and-investment-funds/european-social-fund/funding-calls/open-calls/>. Summaries of each call are:

IP	Call	Summary	Closes
1.3	<a href="#">Youth Employment Initiative (Greater Nottingham only)</a>	The Youth Employment Initiative supports additional provision that complements existing government programmes to tackle youth unemployment and reduce the number of young people who are not in education,	26/9/19

		employment or training.	
1.1	<a href="#">Supporting progression into the Food and Drink Manufacturing Sector</a>	This call seeks to develop a comprehensive package of support for unemployed and economically inactive residents to gain skills to secure employment in the Food and Drink manufacturing sector in the D2N2 LEP area.	30/9/19
1.1	<a href="#">Technical Construction Skills for Unemployed People</a>	This call seeks to develop a comprehensive package of support for unemployed and economically inactive residents to gain technical skills to support the construction sector in the D2N2 LEP area.	10/10/19

Technical assistance workshops were held in early August. Materials from the workshops can be viewed on the [D2N2 Technical Assistance website past events page](#).

If you would like to get assistance with your application, please contact Richard Kirkland, ESIF Co-ordinator at D2N2 LEP via [richard.kirland@d2n2lep.org](mailto:richard.kirland@d2n2lep.org).

### Future Call Schedule in D2N2

Responding to a request from DWP, D2N2 has proposed the following call schedule for all outstanding ESF calls in the LEP area. Please note all dates are indicative only and may be subject to slippage:

IP	ESF Call value	Title of call	Anticipated launch
1.1	£4,000,000	Healthy Work	June 2019
1.4	£2,500,000	Active Inclusion – Multiple and Complex Needs	July 2019
1.4	£2,000,000	Active Inclusion – Progress Towards Work	July 2019
1.2	£494,784	Wellbeing support for those who are NEET	July 2019
2.1	£1,000,000	Fuller Working Lives Project	July 2019
1.4	£1,814,046	Health and Social Care Development Programme	August 2019
2.1	£1,000,000	STEM skills in D2N2	August 2019
2.1	£1,778,187	Leadership and Management Training for SME's	August 2019

Any changes will be published at [www.D2N2ta.org](http://www.D2N2ta.org)

## Open calls: ERDF

PA	Call	Summary	Closes
1	<a href="#">Promoting Research and Innovation</a>	This call is looking to enhance research and innovation infrastructure and capacities to develop research and innovation excellence, and promote centres of competence, in particular those of European interest and promote business investment in research and innovation.	30/9/19
2	<a href="#">ICT</a>	This call is looking to enhance access to, and use and quality of, Information and Communications Technology, and specifically extending broadband deployment and the roll-out of high-speed networks and supporting the adoption of emerging technologies and networks for the digital economy; developing Information and communications technology products and services, e-commerce, and enhancing demand for Information and Communications Technology	30/9/19
3	<a href="#">Enhancing the Competitiveness of SMEs</a>	This call is looking to promote entrepreneurship, in particular by facilitating the economic exploitation of new ideas and fostering the creation of new firms, including through business incubators; support the creation and the extension of advanced capacities for products, services and development; and support the capacity of small and medium sized enterprises to grow in regional, national and international markets and to engage in innovation processes.	30/9/19
4	<a href="#">Low Carbon</a>	This call is looking to support the shift towards a low carbon economy in all sectors, specifically promoting the production and distribution of energy derived from renewable resources; promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy use in enterprises; supporting energy efficiency, smart energy management and renewable energy use in public infrastructure, including in public buildings, and in the housing sector; promoting low-carbon strategies for all types of territories, in particular for urban areas, including the promotion of sustainable multimodal urban mobility and mitigation-relevant adaptation measures; and promoting research and innovation in, and adoption of, low-carbon technologies.	30/9/19

All call information will be posted on the D2N2 Technical Assistance website - <http://d2n2ta.org/european-structural-and-investment-funds/european-regional-development-fund/funding-calls/>

Please note that this will be the final ERDF call made at a local D2N2 LEP level for the 2014-2020 programme. Any future ERDF calls will be made at a national level utilising any unused funding at LEP level.

## **GOV.UK and ESIF Action Note Updates**

Visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/england-2014-to-2020-european-structural-and-investment-funds> for news and updates.

### **European Social Fund – Reserve Fund update**

Work to finalise the details of the ESF Reserve Fund is nearing completion. Since the June update, the MA has been finalising the process through which Call proposals will be assessed and tested the process and criteria through a walkthrough session with the ESF MA LEP Leads earlier in July. LEP Leads will ensure LEP areas are provided with Reserve Fund documentation and guidance and will provide a vital role in supporting LEP areas to develop and submit Call proposals for consideration for funding. We anticipate that the MA will be writing to ESIF chairs over the next few weeks to confirm arrangements going forward – we will keep you informed.

### **YEI Evaluation**

The European Commission would like your feedback on the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) and ESF support for young people to help improve this support in the future.

The evaluation will assess the effectiveness and efficiency of youth employment oriented activities funded by the YEI and ESF supported actions during the period 2014-2018. It will also address the complementarity and coherence with other related initiatives, including training, vocational education and lifelong learning, skills and the mobility of young workers.

We would encourage anyone engaged with the activities covered by the survey to respond by the deadline of Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

The Commission are particularly keen to hear from:

- Young people, particularly young people not in education, employment or training, whether or not they are receiving or have received support from ESF or the YEI;
- Organisations involved in the management of ESF and the YEI such as managing authorities and intermediate bodies, social and other partners;
- Organisations delivering ESF and YEI funded support;
- Other organisations representing, or working with young people, or active at EU, national or local level in the area of employment support and active labour market policies.

Please share this survey with anyone it may be of interest to: [YEI Evaluation Survey](#)

## **Other News**

### **LEP Network Bulletin (update)**

The next issue of the LEP Network is due out soon - to subscribe to receive future editions click [here](#) and follow them on twitter @TheLEPNetwork

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