



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

Festive greetings from the December 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)

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### **Inclusion Governance**

#### **Update from Jane Howson: VCSE representative on the D2N2 Board**

The D2N2 Board met on the 30<sup>th</sup> November; only a short time after our October meeting but covering a crucial period of consultation on the draft D2N2 Strategic Economic Plan. Some shift in emphasis between themes has been suggested, as has the strength of some priority actions over others. Unsurprisingly most feedback related to future governance, and it is this that Board members and Officers will spend much of their time putting in place from now and into the New Year.

I was delighted to Chair a special meeting of SIEAG on 15<sup>th</sup> November looking specifically at the inclusion elements of the SEP. The meeting was very productive and with a quick turnaround from Rachel we were able to submit a formal response by the 16<sup>th</sup> deadline. This is attached [here](#) for your information.

Again on the subject of governance, the D2N2 Board is currently seeking additional private sector Board members. In particular the Board are keen to increase overall diversity (gender, ethnicity, disability and age) so if you have access to relevant contacts or networks please share the [opportunity](#) – closing date 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

ESIF Sub-committee (also on the 30<sup>th</sup>) considered a paper proposing extensions of *Building Better Opportunities* projects in D2N2. However, the committee felt that further clarity over additional targets was required before the committee could make this decision. A further paper will be circulated by written procedures this coming week.

Lastly, the Board are hopeful that an appointment can be made to a permanent CEO post will be announced shortly as interviews take place early December. We are keen to have a strong start in the New Year – new SEP, new CEO and new governance.

Jane Howson



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

The next meeting of SIEAG will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and will be focusing on future Inclusion Governance in D2N2. Please direct any queries in relation to SIEAG activity or send any items you would like discussed at that meeting to: [rachel.quinn@d2n2lep.org](mailto:rachel.quinn@d2n2lep.org)

## **ESIF Programme Updates**

### **Open calls: ESF**

D2N2 currently has two ESF Open Calls:

1. Priority Axis 1.1: Access to Employment for Jobseekers and Inactive People.

This call for proposals aims to support unemployed and inactive participants into employment and self-employment and has a total call value of £8.1m ESF with a single stage application process closing 28<sup>th</sup> December.

2. Priority Axis 1.2: Careers & Employability Service for those at risk of becoming NEET in the D2N2 area

This call is for project proposals to provide a 'Careers and Employability Service', to work with senior managers in educational establishments to agree a programme of activity that delivers enhanced careers and employability support to young people aged 15 – 19 identified as at risk of becoming NEET.

This call for proposals aims to provide innovative ways to positively engage with those who are at risk of becoming NEET, to maximise their potential within the future workforce. The total call value is £1m ESF with a single stage application process closing 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

There have been two Technical Assistance events supporting this call on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November (Nottingham) and 28<sup>th</sup> November (Derby). If you missed the events but would like the material please visit our Technical Assistance website to access all documents and full details of the call specification: [www.d2n2ta.org](http://www.d2n2ta.org)

We are informed by DWP, the Managing Agent for ESF, that the next call window for Open Calls will be March 2019. As such we are unlikely to see calls for the following released until that time:

- an Active Inclusion open call
- workforce elements of the Health & Wellbeing Programme (Module 1)

We will aim to keep you updated through the bulletin and email alerts to new calls. Please keep an eye on the D2N2 technical assistance website or the ESIF funding finder tool for further launch information.



<http://www.d2n2ta.org/news/>

<https://www.gov.uk/european-structural-investment-funds>

### **Open calls: ERDF**

There are no current ERDF calls open in D2N2.

### **Learning from ESIF: Resources published**

A You Tube channel and ESIF case-study booklet are among the resource recently made available to support successful delivery of ESIF projects.

The resources can be viewed at:

[ESIF You Tube Channel](#)

[ESF Case study Booklet Nov 2018](#)

### **Other News**

#### **PHE East Midlands: Work and Health tool and resource published**

In a culmination of much work across the East Midlands over the last 6 months, Public Health England have now published their report into Health, Work and Inclusive Growth.

The report covers four overall areas for consideration in the health and economic prosperity relationship:

- Health and Wealth
- Health and Work
- Inclusive Growth
- Productivity, including Healthy Workplace and Workforce.

The work is particularly of relevance to Local authorities and Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) across the region who each have priorities to strengthen the economy through strong infrastructure, good jobs, and a healthy, skilled workforce. From the hyperlocal to the sub-regional to the national, the work provides a template and some practical advice on how we can work together towards safe, sustainable, accessible, and healthy places with more and better jobs.

Read or download the full report [here](#).



## **D2N2 Talent Match – Full evaluation published**

Full evaluation has now been completed on the Big Lottery Funded programme *Talent Match* in the D2N2 area. The project, called *Young & Successful* and delivered by Groundwork Greater Nottingham in D2N2, is a focussed project to tackle youth unemployment.

The evaluation takes a hard look at what works and what doesn't work in achieving positive outcomes and also makes powerful recommendations on the cost of effective interventions for young people with varying level of support needs.

Download a copy of the report at [www.yasevaluation.com](http://www.yasevaluation.com)

There are also 3 accompanying videos which can be accessed at

<https://vimeo.com/299894877/99fbc88be7>

<https://vimeo.com/299894727/9e5af71806>

<https://vimeo.com/299894589/b84b6b58ff>

## **National Consumer Week 2018**

Advice services across D2N2 warn buyers to beware as thousands of customers' report being ripped off on online marketplaces.

More than 13,000 problems with purchases in England and Wales on online marketplaces were reported to the Citizens Advice consumer service last year. Online marketplaces - websites where traders and private individuals list and sell products - are becoming increasingly popular for people trying to find the best deal.

As customers turned to online marketplaces in the Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales, Ashfield Citizens Advice is warning residents to be aware of the dangers. For more detail to help protect yourself or your networks please visit their [website](#) with lots of advice, hints and tips.

## **New Report on Housing and Employment published by IPPR**

The latest report for the Institute for Public Policy (IPPR) "[Building Communities that Work](#)", has been published, supported by GUAC.

The new research shows:

- Housing associations invest £70m a year in employment and training support programmes - £60m of this is housing associations' own funding



- This amount is a significant boost to what the government spends (£130m) - and is targeted at those people often most in need of employment support

While the employment rate stands at a record high, analysis by IPPR shows continuing high levels of unemployment among adults living in housing association properties:

- Only four in 10 housing association tenants are in full-time work
- Unemployment is twice the national average and economic inactivity is three times higher
- One in three struggle to pay their rent and more than half rely on housing benefit

The report calls for housing associations and providers to be recognised as key partners in supporting people back to work. It recommends that the government devolves further power to local authorities, so that they can work with housing associations and other partners to build more effective local employment and skills services.

The work also coincides with the launch of a new All Party Parliamentary Group on Housing and Employment set up to champion the needs of social housing tenants seeking employment.

For more information on any of the above visit <https://www.giveusachance.co.uk/>

### **NCVO report on 'Brexit and the voluntary sector, preparing for change'**

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations has produced a report with guidance and information which voluntary sector organisations may find useful when preparing for EU exit, [available here](#).

### **Mims Davies MP appointed as new Minister for Sport and Civil Society**

Mims Davies has been appointed as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport. She was previously Assistant Government Whip from January 2018 to November 2018, and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Wales from July 2018 to November 2018.

You can read Mims Davies MP's blog on Local Charities Day 2018 [here](#).

### **3aaa fails**

Training provider Aspire Achieve Advance, went into administration last month. A winding-up order has been issued against the company, resulting in the ending of 4,500



apprenticeships and the loss of 500 jobs across all sites. Other training companies have been quick to help apprentices at risk.

### **Campus plans**

The University of Derby has unveiled a vision to convert a popular city centre car park into a new home for its business school, finally explaining why it had expressed interest in buying the car park. The university's law school is just across the road from car park and the long-term plan is to create a 'university zone' in the heart of the city.

This project is part-funded by the European Social Fund as part of the 2014-2020 European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme in England.