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### **D2N2 Active Engagement Bulletin: June 2017**

Welcome to the June 2017 edition of the D2N2 LEP and One East Midlands Active Engagement bulletin on 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 in the future.

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)

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

#### **D2N2 VCSE Board Representation**

D2N2 has announced Jane Howson, CEO of Autism East Midlands, as the new VCSE Board Representative to the D2N2 Board and ESIF sub-committee. Jane was appointed following an open recruitment process managed by One East Midlands and attended her first Board meeting on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

Here is Jane's introduction to her view of the role and on her first attendance at D2N2 governance:

"I am delighted to have been appointed as the VCS representative on the D2N2 board. I have worked in the voluntary sector and public services for over 25 years. I am currently Chief Executive of Autism East Midlands, a large regional charity that supports families and people on the autism spectrum of all ages. I am also Chair of the Autism Alliance, which is a national network of 18 regional autism charities similar to our own.

I have only attended 1 meeting of the LEP Board so far and am clearly on a very steep learning curve. I am keen to engage more widely with the sector to inform views within D2N2 and my own participation within the LEP. My great passion is inclusion and equality. I will be working very hard during my tenure to ensure that the VCS is able to influence the D2N2 programme to ensure that it really delivers for the most disadvantaged within our communities.

I will be working closely with Rachel and colleagues to broaden participation and look forward to meeting with sector colleagues in the near future."

Jane chaired her first SIEAG meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> June and, alongside SIEAG colleagues, is developing an improved system for VCS engagement and communication. If you wish to contact Jane in the next month please do so via Rachel Quinn (details above).

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

The SIEAG meeting took place on the 1<sup>st</sup> June in Long Eaton (and is the reason for this slightly delayed June bulletin). Items for discussion included a review of SIEAG membership and Terms of Reference, an analysis of D2N2 'State of the Economy' and performance indicators and a review of future ESIF spend across the D2N2 area. Key actions and decisions arising include:

- Current indicators for the state of the D2N2 economy do not adequately reflect social inclusion issues. Suggestions for indicators for future inclusion in the state of the economy report include:
  - Indicators of the quality of local jobs,
  - income levels, poverty / child poverty,
  - economic inactivity (as opposed to unemployment) and
  - breakdown by age of existing indicators were recommended.

The SIEAG will also work to develop its own indicator dashboard with greater detail to inform SIEAG discussion, decision and advice to LEP Board and ESIF Sub-Committee.

- Consensus on the need to raise awareness on future opportunities for the VCS to engage in ESIF programme delivery. Also the need to map the level of current VCS involvement in the current programme. Two events (Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire) will be arranged (proposed date 13<sup>th</sup> July) with the aim of improving VCS understanding and identifying opportunities for delivery through future calls.
- A recruitment process for SIEAG membership is to take place to ensure improved membership which balances specialist interests and geography across the D2N2 area. A copy of the existing SIEAG Terms of Reference are included for information [here](#). Anyone with an interest in potential SIEAG membership can register for further information [here](#) as it is released. Further information will also be included in the July bulletin.

Full minutes of the meeting will be circulated in the July bulletin once agreed. The next SIEAG meeting will take place in September – date tbc. If you would like to suggest anything for inclusion in the next SIEAG agenda please contact Rachel Quinn via the details at the top of this bulletin.

## **D2N2 Community Programme: Active Inclusion Grants Programme Update**

Unfortunately the announcement of the General Election has meant the department is now having to enter a second consecutive period of pre-election Purdah and therefore no calls can be published until after the General election on the 8<sup>th</sup> June.

## **D2N2 AGM – bookings open**

Bookings are now open for the D2N2 Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017**. This year's event is being held at Derbyshire County Cricket ground and includes speakers from a range of key local industries. For more information and booking visit the D2N2 website [here](#).

## **Health & Wellbeing Data Masterclass 18/7/17 – bookings open**

Following the success of the *Better Data* project and recent data workshop at the One East Midlands conference and AGM, bookings for this event are now open.

The workshop, delivered by ConnectMore Solutions Ltd in collaboration with One EM, offers a detailed insight into how complex public data can be found and used for the benefit of local VCSE organisations. For more information and booking visit click [here](#).

### **Local VCSE Recruitment Opportunities - Nottingham CVS CEO and others**

Nottingham CVS are currently recruiting for a new CEO – the closing date for applications is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June. For full information about the role visit the NCVS website at:

<http://www.nottinghamcvcs.co.uk/ncvsjobs.html>

Looking for an employment opportunity in the VCSE? A number of VCSE support organisations advertise local job opportunities – why not try the following:

Nottingham CVS: <http://www.nottinghamcvcs.co.uk/jobs.html>

Community Action Derby: <http://www.communityactionderby.org.uk/about-us/jobs>

Bassetlaw CVS: <http://www.bcvcs.org.uk/about-bcvcs/job-vacancies>

High Peak CVS: <http://highpeakcvcs.org.uk/jobs.asp>

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