



D2N2 Active Engagement Bulletin: June 2019

Welcome to the June 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

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Inclusion Governance

Update from Jane Howson: VCSE representative on the D2N2 Board

Work continues on apace at D2N2. Most recently D2N2 Board and ESIF Committee took place on 14th May in Rushcliffe. The meeting marked our first as Directors of the new D2N2 company – a requirement of the LEP review and an important step in ensuring the independence of the LEP.

In a new approach to ESIF Committee the 3 *Building Better Opportunities* projects were invited to give a presentation on delivery, performance and some of their challenges and learning. It was a really refreshing and honest presentation that went down really well with both Committee and the Managing Authorities present. Thanks to Groundwork, Framework and St Ann's Advice Centre for preparing such a helpful and informative brief. Their presentation can be viewed [here](#).

As mentioned in my last report, D2N2 are continuing to recruit members of the Advisory Boards. Most recently places for private sector representatives have been advertised for the Place, People & Skills, Business Growth and Innovation Boards. If you know of businesses that you think could do a great job at these please make them aware.

<http://www.d2n2lep.org/News/new-advisory-board-members-sought-by-d2n2-lep>

Jane Howson

D2N2 Inclusion Representatives: Recruitment CLOSED

Calls for applicants for Inclusion Representative roles on D2N2 Advisory Boards closed 31st May. One East Midlands will now coordinate interviews for applicants where roles are contested. Details of appointed representatives will be published in the July bulletin.

For more information and to view the role description, please visit the [One East Midlands website](#).

ESIF Programme Updates

Open calls: ESF

There are 4 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	Link to Call	Closes
1.1	Digital Skills for the Unemployed	Supporting unemployed and inactive participants to develop digital skills currently in demand in the D2N2 labour market.	Gov.uk	18 th July '19
2.1	Digital Skills for the Employed	Improving the digital skills of the existing SME workforce to aid productivity growth and competitiveness	Gov.uk	18 th July '19
2.2	Careers and Employability Hub	Coordinating meaningful interactions between employers and schools to improve young people employability.	Gov.uk	1 st Aug '19
2.2	Skills Access Hub	Providing coordinated support for SMEs to access the skills they need for productivity growth.	Gov.uk	1 st Aug '19

General technical assistance workshops for all calls were held during May and if potential applicants missed these dates then all materials can still be viewed [here](#).

A further workshop to specifically coordinate interest in the Careers and Employability Hub will be held on the 11th June. If you would like to attend this meeting please register your interest by emailing sandra.casey@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	£2,000,000	Technical Construction Skills for the Unemployed	June 2019
1.1	£4,000,000	Healthy Work	June 2019
1.1	£1,100,000	Supporting Progression into the Food and Drink Manufacturing Sector	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

Update on closed calls

D2N2 is still waiting to receive DWP assessments of applications for the previous round of open calls for projects:

- Access to Employment for Jobseekers and Inactive People and;
- Careers & Employability Service for those at risk of becoming NEET in the D2N2 LEP area

ESIF Committee on 15th May 2019 agreed a process by written procedures, involving members without conflict in bids only, to take this forward.

Open calls: ERDF – watch this space!

There are no current calls for ERDF activity in D2N2.

MHCLG have announced details of the next ERDF call schedule. The call window will open on Friday 28 June 2019 and close on Monday 30 September 2019. All programme activity will need to be completed by Friday 30 June 2023.

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.

The following documents have been updated to GOV.UK:

- ESF CFO Online Full Application Guidance – Published 21 May 2019
- ESF Online Full Application Guidance – Published 13 May 2019
- Participant Data Schema – Published 2 May 2019
- ESF Financial Annex: Simplified – Published 26 April 2019
- ESF Granular Budget Sample Template – Published 26 April 2019
- ESF Indicator Annex – Published 26 April 2019

There have been four Action Notes published on GOV.UK:

- 034/19 Update - New Online Digital Service for ESF Applications and Appraisals.
- 035/19 New ECLAIMS Online Digital Service for ESF
- 036/19 Clarification on attributing qualification/ qualification credit results to ESF and match funded activity
- 037/19 New CFO online full application guidance

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

Challenging Holiday Hunger in Derbyshire

Feeding Derbyshire is teaming up with their national partner Feeding Britain, to run a crowdfunding campaign from the 28th May- 25th June with an aim of raising £50,000 to support holiday food and fun clubs this summer. £10,000 of this target (or the pro-rata equivalent) will come to projects in Derbyshire.

Find out more on the [campaign flyer](#) or help them by sharing social media campaign postings later this month.

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