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

Welcome to the October 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 next D2N2 Board meeting was delayed as a result of some governance changes affecting availability. The next meeting will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> October. I am unable to attend but Rachel will be present and the SIEAG group hope to appoint an alternate in my place.

The agenda will focus primarily on the new SEP which will be presented for Board approval, following which a period of consultation throughout the rest of October and November will take place. Please keep an eye on Rachel's bulletin for November and on the D2N2 website for information on how to get involved.

Worth noting is that a combined SEP / Skills & People Strategy consultation is likely to take place on 15<sup>th</sup> November. To receive information about this event please contact Sandra Casey via [Sandra.casey@d2n2lep.org](mailto:Sandra.casey@d2n2lep.org).

Jane Howson

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

SIEAG met on the 6<sup>th</sup> September with a focus on skills. Items for discussion included the current D2N2 Skills strategy and proposed changes. The draft minutes of the meeting can be viewed [here](#).

The next meeting of SIEAG will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018. 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**

### **Preparation for future open calls: ESF and ERDF**

Officers at D2N2 are currently preparing documentation for open calls across both ESF and ERDF.

Over the next 2 months a range of calls are likely to be released including:

- an Active Inclusion open call
- workforce elements of the Health & Wellbeing Programme (Module 1)
- Skills Support for the Unemployed (Employment call)
- Additional calls against all ERDF priorities as a result of exchange rate uplifts

D2N2 expect the majority of calls to go live in the second week of October. Calls will be released in a 2-stage process. 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>

### **Big Lottery Fund consider BBO extensions**

The Big Lottery Fund Board met in September and agreed to put further Lottery investment into Building Better Opportunities (BBO), the Fund's ESF activity, under ESF investment priority 1.4, Active Inclusion.

Big Lottery Fund are proposing that this further investment is used to extend the existing BBO projects in LEP areas, provided they are performing satisfactorily against targets.

Local ESIF committees will now have time to discuss the offer, with the support of data from BIG and will respond in due course. Existing BBO projects still have until Autumn 2019 in the current format so decisions can be made in a timely fashion and in dialogue with stakeholders.

### **D2N2 ESIF Project Case Studies: Live**

As part of D2N2's collection ESIF impact studies we now have a number of case studies, including video case studies of participants of the BBO *Money Sorted* financial inclusion programme.

All case studies can be read / viewed on the D2N2 Technical Assistance website at [www.d2n2ta.org](http://www.d2n2ta.org) under each funding stream.

### **ESF Project Case Study: The Carers Trust - Working for Carers – London**

This project works with 24 partners across London to move unpaid carers and ex-carers over 25 closer to employment. One-to-one advice and support is provided to prepare carers for

employment, volunteering and training opportunities. This includes CV and interview technique training, help with job searching, group activities and training workshops to build employability skills.

The project has engaged with more carers and ex-carers than expected. At the end of June 2018, 489 carers from across 32 London Boroughs had registered with the project. At that point 68 carers had gained employment, 19 had moved into education or had started a training course (not funded by the project) and over 60% of registered participants had been supported with job-searching (within the project).

The Carers Trust works to improve support, services and recognition for anyone living with the challenges of caring for a family member or friend who is ill, frail, disabled or has mental health or addiction problems. The Working for Carers project is an innovative partnership funded by Building Better Opportunities via European Social Fund and the Big Lottery.

Read more about the work and achievements of The Carers Trust - Working for Carers project [here](#)

### **Government Technical Notices for ESIF funds (BREXIT)**

The Government has published a series of technical notices that outline the preparations in place to minimise disruption in the unlikely event of not agreeing a deal with the EU and ensure a smooth and orderly exit from the European Union (EU).

The technical notices for the [European Regional Development Fund](#) (ERDF), the [European Social Fund](#) (ESF), the [EU Rural Development Programmes](#) and the [European Territorial Cooperation Programmes](#) (ETC) are UK-wide and provide an overview of the Government's plans for guaranteeing funding to projects in a no-deal scenario.

**A negotiated exit from the EU** - the draft Withdrawal Agreement between the UK and the EU published in March 2018 would mean the UK would continue to participate in EU funding programmes until they end in 2023, subject to a final negotiated agreement.

Organisations should continue delivering projects that have been agreed and applying for funding under current arrangements with confidence that the funding guarantee applies even if there is no negotiated agreement between the UK and the EU.

**After 29 March 2019 if there is no deal** - to provide stability for UK organisations that benefit from EU funding and to provide certainty for organisations who wish to apply for funding, the Government has guaranteed all ERDF, ESF and EU Rural Development projects that would have been funded by the EU for the full 2014-20 programme period.

There may be further updates to the technical notice once more information becomes available. If you have any enquiries about the ERDF or ESF technical notice, please contact [enquiries@beis.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@beis.gov.uk).

## **Other News**

### **Inclusion Matters: From Rhetoric to Reality - Monday 26th November 2018**

The One East Midlands annual event takes place on November 26th and will focus on the East Midlands Inclusion Framework commissioned by One East Midlands, a tool for use by all sectors to work against exclusion and poverty. The event will also include a presentation on the role of the VCSE in a flourishing economy.

Further information will be circulated via the One East Midlands e-bulletin and the website once details are finalised: [www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk](http://www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk)

### **Autumn Budget**

Philip Hammond has set the date for the Budget as Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October. LEPs expect this to include information regarding consultation on the future Shared Prosperity Fund; the replacement for ESIF programmes beyond BREXIT.

### **PHE East Midlands Summit: Co-designing for Health, Work and Inclusive Growth - Friday 9 November 2018**

Areas in the East Midlands are suffering from shocking levels of ill health, high levels of unemployment and little access to growth and opportunities. In conjunction with NHS England, Local Authorities in the East Midlands, Local Enterprise Partnerships and the Cities and Local Growth Unit, we are working towards safe, sustainable, accessible and healthy places with more and better jobs.

The summit aims to connect leaders and change makers from across the East Midlands to:

- highlight the latest evidence and research supporting the health, work and inclusive growth agenda;
- further understand the opportunities available to support delivery of the ambition by focusing on work as a determinant of health, and health as the flip side of economic prosperity;
- have an opportunity, through a series of executive round table discussions, to discuss and agree actions for taking the ambition forward, and to enable the formation of collaborations and potential funding applications in the area of health, wellbeing and economic prosperity.

Attendance is invited from local government, the NHS, local enterprise partnerships, voluntary and academic sectors.

Book your place here: [www.phe-events.org.uk/emsummit18](http://www.phe-events.org.uk/emsummit18)

### **Enabling Social Action Call for Local Authority Partners Open**

DCMS and partners, the Universities of Sheffield and Hull, seek applications from local authorities for partnerships supporting commissioners to co-design, co-produce and co-

deliver services with local people, service users, and civil society organisations to embed social action in their routine working. Partnerships will run from January 2019 - January 2020. For more information and to apply to become an ESA partner please see [here](#).

The deadline for applications is 11:59pm on 12th October 2018.

### **Social Housing Green Paper Launched: Consultation live**

The [social housing green paper](#) – (published 14 August 2018) – aims to rebalance the relationship between residents and landlords, tackle stigma and ensure that social housing can be both a stable base that supports people when they need it and support social mobility.

The consultation running alongside this green paper, gives an opportunity to submit views on proposals for the future of social housing and will run until 6 November 2018.

The green paper sets out 5 core themes:

- Tackling stigma and celebrating thriving communities
- Expanding supply and supporting home ownership
- Effective resolution of complaints
- Empowering residents and strengthening the regulator
- Ensuring homes are safe and decent

Follow the link above to read the paper and get more information on how to respond.