

What do you need to know about your Local Enterprise Partnership.....and what opportunities are there for the VCS?

Agenda

Thursday 8 August 12.30pm to 4.45pm

Voluntary Action LeicesterShire, 9 Newarke Street, Leicester LE1 5SN

- 12.30pm Registration and Lunch
- 1pm Welcome and introductions
- 1.10pm Aims and Purpose of the workshop
- 1.20pm The future role of LEPs in the next programme of EU Structural Funding
- 1.50pm The role of the VCS in the 2014-20 EU Structural Fund programme
- 2.10pm Lessons learnt - The role of the VCS in the current 07/13 ERDF programme
- 2.25pm Q & A
- 2.40pm Break
- 2.50pm Round table discussions
- Barriers to engaging effectively
 - What role does the VCS have next EU programme? What is our offer around social inclusion in the next programme?
 - What should communication and relationships between the VCS and LEP's look like and what are we seeking to achieve?
- 3.35pm Next Steps
- 3.45pm Workshops
- **Project management** - understanding effective management of an ERDF project, including tips on keeping an audit trail, ensuring sufficient cash flow, monitoring and evaluation and adhering to the ERDF procurement policy
 - **State Aid** - an introduction to state aid and what organisations need to know to comply with State Aid rules and regulations when applying for EU funding
 - **Understanding your local economy** - introduction to economic principles and their relevance to the work of social purpose organisations; looking at the use of economic data in evidencing need/ opportunity and evaluating your economic impact
 - **Marketing your EU Project** - guidance, hints and tips to effective marketing of your ERDF project and complying with the EU marketing guidance.
- 4.45pm Close