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D2N2 Social Inclusion & Equalities Advisory Group Meeting

Friday 7 October, 1.30pm to 3.30pm

East Midlands Chamber, Commerce Centre Canal Wharf, Chesterfield, S41 7NA

Attendees

Sylvia Green (Chair)	Rural Action Derbyshire & D2N2
Rachel Quinn	D2N2
Richard Kirkland	D2N2
Don Hayes	Enable
Laurie Moran	One East Midlands
Andria Birch	One East Midlands
Rob Wadsworth	S4W
Hilary Porter	Nottinghamshire County Council - Economic Development
Rachel Manton	The Prince's Trust
Chris Sims	Big Lottery Fund
Helen Kearsley-Cree	RCAN
Kim Harper	Community Action and TLC
Jules Sebelin	Nottingham CVS

Apologies

Katrina Woodward	D2N2
Betina Lange	CPRE
Jo Bradley	Groundwork
Gillian Sewell	YMCA Derbyshire
Mohammed Sharief	JET
Lisa Capell	Princes Trust
Louise Graham	Nottm City Council
Frank Horsley	Derbyshire County Council
Nina Daubin	Nottingham Community Foundation
Michael Henry	Equality Challenge
Catherine Burn	Bassetlaw CVS
Matt Allbones	DCALC

1.0	Welcome / introductions / declarations of interest	
2.0	Minutes of the June meeting	
2.1	The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed.	
3.0	Matters arising	
3.1	No matters arising.	



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4.0	D2N2 Active Engagement Officer, Rachel Quinn – intro and role	
4.1	Rachel introduced herself and role as Active Engagement Officer for D2N2 (having previously undertaken a similar role at One East Midlands). The role, partly managed by One East Midlands, is designed to support delivery of inclusion and equality principles within the LEP and act as a conduit for the voice for the voluntary sector. Her role is split between management and procurement of Social Inclusion elements of the D2N2 ESIF programme and overseeing and supporting the work of SIEAG; providing a resource to the group and ensuring SIAEG work is fed back into the LEP. She will provide regular communications (bulletins) to group members and is able to conduct research as required.	
4.2	As part of the SLA with D2N2, One EM currently holds a backfill budget for VCS representatives to meetings and to support the group itself (room bookings, catering) – available for the next 2 years.	
4.4	The group now has resources so there is a need to re-engage membership. The decline since last year including delivery partners of BBO is a matter of concern.	
5.0	D2N2 Skills Strategy refresh	
5.1	Richard Kirkland gave an overview of the key findings of the Skills Strategy Evidence Base Refresh. Extensive conversation took place which was recorded in order to inform a response on behalf of SIEAG (full document attached to minutes). Rachel Quinn to prepare and submit response as soon as possible as consultation closes today.	RQ
6.0	Migrant Research Project (RW)	
6.1	S4W are conducting research into the economic and social impact of migrant communities. They are looking at the contributions and barriers for migrants in the area. Feedback from members: Rural areas in Derbyshire have a high proportion of migrants employed in farming/slaughterhouses and tourism (hotels/guesthouses) – with particular concentration in High Peak/Bolsover Some urban areas are experiencing a quick turnover of property	SG RQ



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	<p>as a result of their location and low prices which attracts new migrants on first arrival. Properties are often only occupied for around 6-18 months before changing tenants again with up to 40% of local properties affected. This means that it is hard to sustain communities and leads to destabilization – Radford and Hyson Green in Nottingham is a particular hotspot.</p> <p>Self-employed tradesmen are being undercut by skilled migrant labour willing to work for lower contract values. This is depressing wages and not allowing proper working conditions.</p> <p>Concern was raised over the impact on migrant workers as a result of Brexit and the rise in reported race crime. Higher level skilled workers are able to or are returning to home/other countries. Lower skilled workers are less likely to move and can be subject to abuses by local communities or employers.</p> <p>Further feedback is encouraged from members. RW to circulate survey; all to pass on to relevant people in their networks.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>RK/All</p>
7.0	D2N2 Programme Update	
7a	<i>Building Better Opportunities</i>	
7a.1	The awards have been made and the projects are currently in set up phase. Current issues are practical co-ordination with other programmes, partner contracting and recruitment. All three grant holders will be contacting RQ to establish involvement in future in meetings. Delivery by Framework to commence 3 rd October with the other 2 projects due to commence in January 2017.	
7a.2	Chris Sims will be leaving in December and his colleague Sean Tizzard will be the contact afterwards for meetings and coordination.	
7b	<i>Community Programme</i>	
7b.1	<p>INSPIRE Local has had the contract holder confirmed however the decision remains embargoed until a later date. The LEP have had very little say in contracting.</p> <p>Progress towards launch of the Active Inclusion Grants Programme open call is still pressing ahead though it will not meet the Autumn statement deadline. The LEP is currently planning on the expectation that post-Autumn Statement all funding including this program will continue until the point of EU exit. It is hoped that government will guarantee delivery until that time.</p>	
8.0	AOB	
	Thank you to Chris Sims.	



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9.0	Date of Next Meeting: a Doodle Poll is to be set up for quarterly meetings.	SG/NK
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