



**D2N2 Social Inclusion & Equalities Advisory Group Meeting**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2.00pm – 4.00pm**

**Erewash CVS, Granville Avenue, Long Eaton, NG10 4HD**

**Attendees**

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| Jane Howson (Chair)    | Autism East Midlands           |
| Rachel Quinn           | D2N2 LEP                       |
| Richard Kirkland       | D2N2 LEP                       |
| Andria Birch           | One East Midlands              |
| Laurie Moran           | One East Midlands              |
| Colin Bradley          | Groundwork Greater Nottingham  |
| Lisa Capell            | The Prince's Trust             |
| Michael Henry          | Communities Inc                |
| Bettina Lange          | Sustrans TEM                   |
| Jules Sebelin          | Nottingham CVS                 |
| Bev Parker             | Rural Action Derbyshire        |
| Teresa Cullen          | Enable                         |
| Jenni Hewkin           | YMCA Derbyshire                |
| Nicki Jenkins          | Nottingham City Council        |
| Jill Jefferies         | Nottingham/Notts Refugee Forum |
| Hilary Porter          | Nottinghamshire County Council |
| Rosie Morton           | Derbyshire County Council      |
| Sabina Talib           | Derby City Council             |
| Sarah Bull             | Nottingham City Council        |
| Sandra Casey (minutes) | One East Midlands              |

**Apologies**

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| Helen Kearsley-Cree | Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire |
| Kim Harper          | Community Action Derby                 |
| James Lee           | Links CVS                              |
| Andrew Redfern      | Framework                              |
| Sean Tizzard        | Big Lottery Fund                       |
| Maria Ward          | Nottinghamshire County Council         |
| Gillian Sewell      | YMCA Derbyshire                        |

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Welcome / introductions / declarations of interest</b>	
1.1	Jane welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no new declarations of interest.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>D2N2 Board and ESIF committee – key points of meeting</b>	
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>since the last SIEAG meeting there has been a Board meeting and away day</li> </ul>	



**European Union**

European Structural  
and Investment Funds



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• some Board members have not shown support for the Inclusive Growth direction of the Strategic Economic Plan refresh- further work to do.</li> <li>• Jane is looking to work with Board members to ensure Inclusive Growth is included in the revised SEP</li> <li>• the Industrial Strategy has just been launched and there is a pause in the SEP consultation to ensure that there is synergy between the SEP and the Industrial Strategy</li> <li>• concern that decisions are already being made about allocation of post-EU funding (Shared Prosperity Fund)</li> <li>• Board looking at how D2N2 and the Midlands Engine will work together</li> </ul>	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>BBO stakeholder managers – introductory presentation</b>	
3.1	<p>See also presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the work of the stakeholder managers will include intelligence gathering which will be used to help shape better services in future</li> <li>• stakeholder managers will support local authorities to link up strategies to have a greater impact</li> <li>• case studies will be used to help shape policy</li> <li>• stakeholder managers will report back to SIEAG members at the quarterly meetings</li> <li>• the Government have confirmed that they will honour all ESIF projects that are contracted by March 2019</li> <li>• D2N2 does not receive ESIF spending and output data but understand that funding committed is variable with some priority axes underspent, some overspent and some over committed</li> <li>• most projects have only been running for around a year</li> </ul>	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>D2N2 programme update</b>	
4.1	1.4 and Health & Wellbeing open calls	
4.1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESF for Active Inclusion (1.4) available in D2N2 is £10.2m with approx. £4.2 unallocated and unmatched</li> <li>• recent call for possible expressions of interest in a 1.4 open call to test market had been circulated</li> <li>• 13 expressions of interest have been received, covering the full range of the D2N2 area and offering match previously unknown. Very positive.</li> </ul>	
4.1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• draft strategic overview for a future 1.4 call was circulated.</li> <li>• members endorsed the strategic overview for 1.4 that was presented for approval, subject to comments below:</li> <li>• in response to the question about how 1.4 funding should be allocated, members asked if the current projects had been</li> </ul>	

	<p>evaluated to see who had been supported by the project and to compare differences between strands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• evaluations are due at the end of 2017; this will be used to inform decision making</li> <li>• Multiple &amp; Complex Needs – this project is now closed for the current year as it has met all targets; there is now a waiting list of people waiting to be supported</li> <li>• Opportunity &amp; Change has struggled to keep up with demand for support for refugees</li> <li>• there is an increase in the speed of homelessness, migration and support for people with refugee status</li> <li>• beneficiaries are sometimes not identified as having multiple and complex needs until they have signed up for support and there is a challenge of moving people between the different strands</li> <li>• challenge of bureaucracy – long delays in getting decisions back from Big Lottery Fund</li> <li>• members suggested that the various strands are merged and targeted at those furthest from the labour market</li> <li>• target area should be no less than district level</li> <li>• if the cost of individual support is high, applicant needs to explain rationale behind cost</li> <li>• RQ to consider above and amend for submission for D2N2 ESIF Board approval at January meeting</li> </ul>	RQ
4.1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health &amp; Wellbeing research report has been published and will form the basis of the specification of an open call to be announced</li> <li>• the full report is on the D2N2 website <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>	
4.2	Other active / planned calls	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skills, Employability and Youth (outside Nottingham City) – strategic overviews for these calls will be presented to the D2N2 ESIF Committee in January</li> <li>• once approved, open calls will be launched</li> <li>• PA1 (Innovation) and PA3 (SME competitiveness) calls are likely to be announced on December 8<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>	
4.3	Active Inclusion Grants Programme	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• D2N2 is the only LEP running an Active Inclusion Programme</li> <li>• there have been 6 applications to manage the Community Programme</li> <li>• there were no applications to run the programme in Nottinghamshire county.</li> <li>• applications will be presented to the D2N2 Strategic Review Group in January</li> <li>• a lot of work will be needed before the final applications are</li> </ul>	

	<p>submitted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>concern that DWP have advised that defrayal of expenditure for the Community Programme will be at the point that the funding is defrayed by recipients of the grants, leading to challenges of cash flow and risk by the organisation that manages the Community Programme</li> </ul>	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Strategic Economic Plan refresh and consultation</b>	
5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the SEP refresh and consultation has been postponed due to the release of the new Industrial Strategy; need to understand implications of Industrial Strategy to avoid duplication or conflict with SEP</li> <li>D2N2 has been identified as one of the worst LEP areas for social mobility in a recent national report.</li> <li>Michael Henry agreed to work with Rachel to create a report linking social mobility and social inclusion</li> <li>members agreed that systems needed to change and this could only happen if all the systems were connected</li> <li>concern about pilot projects taking place but not continued even if they are shown to be successful</li> <li>research should be undertaken to look at successful areas, for example West Midlands</li> <li>there was a recommendation for greater collaboration and to articulate a vision for the D2N2 area, including a clearer inclusive growth strategy.</li> <li>need to present evidence to support recommendations in a format that D2N2 Board can identify with</li> </ul>	RQ/ MH
<b>6.0</b>	<b>D2N2 decision making processes - overview</b>	
6.1	<p>See also RQ presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>D2N2 is a partnership of business, local authority and VCSE sector and other key sector (e.g. Education) representatives</li> <li>it may become incorporated in future</li> <li>D2N2 ESIF Sub-Committee is a local sub-committee of the National Growth Board</li> <li>the National Growth Board includes DWP, DCLG and DEFRA and is the monitoring committee for all ESIF funds</li> <li>SIEAG is an advisory group to the D2N2 ESIF committee primarily but also informs D2N2 Board</li> <li>there is a Strategic Review Group that looks at ESIF applications and makes recommendations to the ESIF committee</li> <li>only the Managing Authorities are able to make project investment decisions for both ESF (DWP) and ERDF (DCLG) – all national and LEP-level sub-committee input is purely strategic and advisory.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• there are two ways to procure activity:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ open call – applications are made to the managing authority who assess projects for eligibility; a review summary is sent to LEP officers who add comments before submitting to the ESIF committee; recommendations from the ESIF committee are sent to the managing authority for a final decision</li> <li>○ co-financed – applications are made direct to the co-financing body (e.g. Big Lottery Fund or SFA). They liaise with LEP in varying ways and depths to inform decision making; ranging from sharing full applications to only input at call specification level.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• D2N2 are responsible for outputs, targets and putting the call specification / criteria together, with local priorities being agreed by the ESIF committee, not for investment decisions.</li> </ul>	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Inclusion dashboard – data options</b>	
	Limited discussion due to time, members agreed for Rachel and One East Midlands to work on this	RQ/AB/LM
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Minutes of the September meeting</b>	
8.1	The minutes of the September meeting were approved, subject to two amendments (correction to name and organisation)	ACTIONED
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Matters arising from the September meeting</b>	
9.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.1 the minutes recorded concern that Big Lottery Fund had advised that volunteer programmes would not be funded. Sean Tizzard from Big Lottery Fund has been in touch to question this statement and has advised this is incorrect</li> <li>• RQ to link originator of comment to BIG</li> </ul>	RQ
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jane advised that Philip Hammond reported at a treasury select sub-committee that the problem with the UK productivity gap was because the UK employed too many disabled people. Jane will be writing to complain and correct this belief. Jane urged members to also write to Philip Hammond to express their concern about his statement</li> </ul>	JH/SIEAG
<b>11.0</b>	<p><b>Date of next meetings:</b>          Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2.00pm to 4.00pm          Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30am to 12.30pm          Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2.00pm to 4.00pm          Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30 to 12.30pm</p> <p>Erewash Voluntary Action, Granville Avenue, Long Eaton NG10 4HD</p>	