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D2N2 Active Engagement Bulletin: March 2017

Welcome to the March 2017 edition of the D2N2 LEP and One East Midlands Active Engagement bulletin on 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 in the future.

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

If you would like to contact the Active Engagement Officer at D2N2 or have items of relevance to this bulletin that you would like including you can contact us at Rachel.quinn@d2n2lep.org or tel: 07551 124225.

D2N2 Social Inclusion update

The steering group set up to manage the refresh of the D2N2 Social Inclusion Framework met earlier in February to discuss the approach and timescales. Recommendations will be presented to SIEAG in early March and the approach will be shared in the next bulletin.

In summary, the steering group is keen to see a more embedded 'Inclusive Economy' model developed which sees inclusion approaches and priorities as intrinsic to the new Strategic Economic Plan for the D2N2 area and can galvanise support and action from other sectors and partners.

Delivery of the revised framework is therefore now aligned to SEP activities. It is expected that consultation on the approach will begin from July 2017.

The next SIEAG meeting will be held on 2nd March. If you would like any further information on the SIF refresh, inclusion activity within D2N2 or you'd like to get more involved in the refresh process please contact Rachel via the contact details above.

Life Chances Fund – event summary and materials

On the 17th February there was an information session on social impact bonds and the launch of round 2 of The Life Chances Fund (LCF). The fund is an £80 million top-up fund, whose objective is to help those people in society who face the most significant barriers to leading happy and productive lives. The £80 million has been committed by central government to provide contributions to outcome payments for payment-by-results contracts, which involve socially minded investors - i.e. towards Social Impact Bonds (SIBs). These contracts must be locally commissioned and aim to tackle complex social problems. The fund is particularly focused on outcomes in early years and for young people.

The second call for Expressions of Interest opened in January and runs until 31st March 2017. For more information about the fund visit the [Life Chances Fund](#) homepage.

The event included presentations from a range of contributors including Big Lottery Fund as fund managers, P3 as experienced managers of a successful SIB and applicants to the previous round of LCF. If you would like a copy of the post-event materials, please email Sandra Casey via office@one-em.org.uk, quoting '*LCF post-event materials*'.

Following demand for further information, follow up events are being planned by a range of partners. If you would like to receive information about these events please contact office@one-em.org.uk quoting '*LCF follow up*'.

Supporting Nottingham's Young People into the Labour Market - ESF open call launch

The 'Supporting Nottingham's Young People into the Labour Market' European Social Fund call is still open for applications. The deadline for applications is Sunday 12 March 2017

This is a European Social Fund 'open call' and applicants will need to have eligible match funding to deliver the project which must be from a source other than the European Union. Detailed call specification can be found [here](#).

For more information or support with ESF technical queries please contact:
David.Kelly@nottinghamcity.gov.uk.

Rural Action Derbyshire – CEO recruitment

RAD is a well established charity based in Matlock with an exciting and challenging time ahead and is looking for a new CEO who has the vision and experience to take the organisation forward.

The new CEO needs to have experience of successfully managing a team of staff, securing new income streams and solid experience of the development and delivery of services. If you are visionary and resourceful with an entrepreneurial spirit, you may be just the person we are looking for.

Closing date: 12 noon on Monday 6th March 2017.

Interviews will be held on Wednesday 22nd March and to be considered for this post you must be available for interview on this date. To apply for this role and for further information about RAD and the role of CEO please visit the website www.ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk

D2N2 ESF programme – updated summary now available

D2N2 have published an up-to-date summary of the delivery priorities and lead provider contact details across all procured ESF projects. This document will provide a useful signposting to all organisations working with target beneficiaries or involved in coordinating activity across employment, skills or inclusion-related provision. The single sheet summary can be found [here](#).

Erasmus + - free application workshops

Youth exchanges and volunteering abroad: How to apply for an EU grant?

Do you work with young people? Are they interested in volunteering abroad? In meeting young people from other countries?

Your organisation can win EU funding to help young people volunteer abroad and enjoy an array of experiences through ERASMUS+.

Access Europe are delivering advice and support to organisations wanting to apply for the Erasmus+ programme. They will help organisations across England to develop applications for the European Voluntary Service and Youth Exchanges. These provide opportunities for young people to learn, develop their skills and volunteer in Europe and beyond through:

- Full-time voluntary service from 2 - 12 months in another country within or outside the European Union
- Youth exchanges between 5 - 21 days during which young people meet, live and work together on a chosen topic through a mix of workshops, exercises, debates, role-plays, simulations, outdoor activities etc.

Access Europe are running a series of application workshops across England which provide practical information on how to develop a successful Youth Exchange and EVS project application. Workshops are free to attend and are open to all organisations active in the field of youth. To register visit the Access Europe website at: <http://www.accesseurope.org.uk/news/news-europe/youth-exchanges-and-volunteering-abroad-how-apply-eu-grant> or email info@accesseurope.org.uk.

The Nottingham event has unfortunately passed but future event dates are:

Manchester - 2 March 2017

Leeds - 3 March 2017

London - 13 March 2017

London - 14 March 2017

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