

One East Midlands awarded £30,000 to take forward D2N2 social inclusion framework

One East Midlands has received £30,000 from the Big Lottery Fund to work in the D2N2 LEP area to raise awareness within the voluntary and community and social enterprise sector of the opportunities available through the European Social Fund.

The charity is one of 36 organisations across England to be awarded a share of £630,000 of Lottery funding and along with the other funded projects will provide advice and guidance on the European funding that will be matched by the Big Lottery Fund in their Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) areas and will be available from 2015.

One East Midlands will use its funding to take forward the social inclusion framework for D2N2 (Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire) to:

- Further engage with and gather wider opinion from organisations across the D2N2 area on the framework;
- Raise awareness of the EU SIF opportunities available with the Big Lottery Fund opt-in;
- Prepare VCSE organisations intending to bid for this opportunity;
- Identify and support the initial foundations of partnership building; and
- Develop a shared vision and approaches between the LEP and the VCSE sector to tackle social inclusion that enables inclusive economic development and growth.

Rachel Quinn, Chief Executive of One East Midlands, said "Having already worked hard to support the development of the D2N2 Social Inclusion Framework, One East Midlands is delighted to have been awarded this work to help us progress the framework towards implementation and action. We view D2N2 as pursuing good practice in this field and we hope to support them to be an example to others."

For further information on the project visit www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk/d2n2inclusiveeconomies or contact Rachel Quinn, Chief Executive of One East Midlands, on 0115 934 8471 or at rachelquinn@one-em.org.uk.