

D2N2 Community Programme – Consultation

Derby City

The following areas were highlighted as issues within Derby that could fit with the Community Programme. Where possible we have added further detail from the meeting discussion but these remain conceptual ideas. Match funding opportunities may be possible in some instances with further investigation.

Social Inclusion

- Social inclusion within the Cities most deprived neighbourhoods and the opportunity for a bottom up/community approach
- Support for people/families coming out of crisis to keep moving forward and access employment – gap between services such as priority/troubled families and then other mainstream employment support.
- Support new communities /arrivals to ease pressure on services and help to fully engage them in Derby life. Specifically in terms of support for English language acquisition for parents, accessing employment, training and integration into British life. We could also link to employment agencies as we know that many newly arrived migrants are dependent on agency work and there is a lack on connection between services and agencies. This could be targeted at the areas of the city where new arrivals are housed and be delivered by community based groups supporting these communities. Sinfin, Normanton, Arboretum and Osmaston in particular.
- English Language Skills - we know there is unmet demand for English Language which will increase due to the SFA funding cuts. There were approx. 600 ESOL learners enrolled with us last year and Derby College have similar numbers. If you need more details for the bid (e.g. levels, nationality) these can be provided by Cath Harcula.

Community Economic Development

- D2 Business Development Programme providing pre start business support. This programme has been worked up and ready for full application. It aims to deliver over 100 new businesses in Derby and Derbyshire through an innovative model of support to cohorts of 30 people each lasting 6 months. Match funding may be available from Derby City and Derbyshire Councils and sponsorship is also being pursued via local banks, accountancy firms and legal practices.
- Small grants schemes to enable smaller community groups to access ESIF funding
- Traineeships and Apprenticeships need to support vulnerable young people into employment (looked after children, with learning difficulty, disabled people or health conditions, from Troubled/Priority Families)

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- Engaging with businesses, with a focus on SME's to build aspirations and support getting people ready for the world of work and the habits of work.
- Change in the way careers advice is developed in schools has resulted in a lack to information, advice and guidance – the Education Business Brokerage project delivers mock interviews CV writing engaging local businesses in delivering this programme. Short term funding and could deliver more.

Low Carbon / Environment

- Low carbon local communities project – a community leadership role championing community based low carbon initiatives. Could build community capacity, develop leadership skills and provide opportunities for Community Enterprise activity.

Supporting Target Groups

- Osmaston focus – pre-employment support for adults
- Training/development support programme for people to enter the care sector (foster parents, care workers)
- Support for social enterprise development that links to young people with learning difficulties
- Personal finance support for young NEET individuals to improve their understanding about finance and realistic wage expectations (recent research suggested many NEETs had unrealistic wage expectations – copy of final report can be supplied end August)
- Recognise that there is a large group of borderline YP and people lacking confidence and inspiration, inclusion and connectivity into services who could be supported into employment
- A 'Women in Business' programme. To be aimed at women in local communities who have ideas but lack confidence and know how on setting up in business.

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