

THE D2N2 LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

# EVENTS PROGRAMME WINTER / SPRING

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Tough decisions are being made and tight deadlines met as D2N2 takes another major step forward in regards to driving economic growth.

In December 2013, all 39 Local Enterprise Partnerships submitted the first draft of their Strategic Economic Plan to Government. By March 31 2014, following more consultation and feedback from Whitehall, the final submission will be made and by the summer, we will complete our Growth Deal – the amount of funding devolved from central government to the LEP to deliver our ambitious plan for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

A total of £2 billion a year, for five years, has been made available through the Single Local Growth Fund but it is a competitive process involving all 39 LEPs nationwide. With £10 billion available in total over five years, it is vital D2N2 gets more than its fair share and is at the front of the queue.

That is why we must make our Strategic Economic Plan a true standout document, with maximum input from the private sector and supported by public sector, HE and FE and the voluntary and community sector.

From manufacturing to the visitor economy, we must bring out what is distinctive about D2N2, demonstrate our competitive advantage and showcase exactly why this is the UK's Most Inspirational Postcode.

Our plan for growth outlines our strategic priorities and six key sectors and it is up to us to demonstrate what makes us so creative and innovative and there is a very strong need for clear business leadership to come through in our submission.

We have to make it count, help the East Midlands punch above its history and weight and we certainly won't be settling for just our 'fair share' of the Single Pot which will run alongside our allocation of 250 million Euros of EU Funding from 2014 to 2020, to help deliver on our promises.

That is why, over the next few weeks and months, this plan will be developed further with maximum input from the private and public sector. We will be consulting at a number of our own events, including the seven business breakfasts advertised in this document, not to mention taking up invitations at others to speak about our plans. I assure you, no stone will be left unturned.

We here at D2N2 are passionate and driven. We have to make sure our Strategic Economic Plan is innovative and inspirational – and demonstrate exactly why D2N2 is the UK's Most Inspirational Postcode.

**PETER RICHARDSON**  
Chairman  
D2N2 LEP



## TIME TO INNOVATE – D2N2 INNOVATION SUMMIT

**30/01/14 – ENTERPRISE CENTRE, University of Derby, 8-10.30am**

Between 2014 and 2020 the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership will be deploying £50m into business support measures to aide business innovation and is shaping the strategy for innovation support. At this summit we will outline the current state of business innovation in the D2N2 area, the support currently available and seek the views of businesses to shape what support

is needed in coming years. Speakers will include representatives from innovating businesses, David Ralph, the CEO of the D2N2 LEP and Professor John Coyne, Vice-Chancellor at the University of Derby and D2N2 Board member. This event is primarily aimed at businesses in the D2N2 area and representatives from partners.

 To book go to [www.ingenuitygateway.com](http://www.ingenuitygateway.com) or call Dave Tuer on 0115 748 4353

## BOOK NOW – BUSINESS BREAKFASTS – LET'S ENGAGE

D2N2, the Local Enterprise Partnership for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, is hitting the road early this year for a series of free breakfast briefings to meet with businesses, stakeholders and other partners.

Similar events proved a big success early in 2013 and this year, it will be an opportunity to engage on the progress of the LEP and consult on its Strategic

Economic Plan. They will give D2N2 a chance to outline its future plans and the funding and skills support currently available to business. Each event will feature guest speakers and a Q&A session.

The breakfasts, which are free to attend, will run from 7.30am to 10.00am and take place at the following venues:

 **05/02/14** MediCity, Nottingham

 **11/02/14** ABC Bakewell, Bakewell


 **18/02/14** Clumber Park Hotel, nr Worksop

 **21/02/14** Best Western Hotel, Long Eaton


 **28/02/14** Lindhurst Rooms, Mansfield Civic Centre

 **18/03/14** Glossop Cricket & Bowling Club, Glossop

 **02/04/14** UDC Enterprise Centre, Derby

 To book your free place(s) go to [www.d2n2lep.org/BB](http://www.d2n2lep.org/BB) or contact the events team on 01332 851280 or email [events@dncc.co.uk](mailto:events@dncc.co.uk)

D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership was established to drive economic growth, job creation and prosperity across Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

 All events correct at time of press –please check [www.d2n2lep.org](http://www.d2n2lep.org)

To view and feedback on our Strategic Economic Plan first draft submission and complete our online survey, go to:  
[www.d2n2lep.org/growth](http://www.d2n2lep.org/growth)

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