

D2N2 ESF Current and Future Provision

Investment Priority 1.1 - Access to Employment for Jobseekers and Inactive People

Current live programmes

Project and Grant Recipient	Project Outline	Completion Date	Contact details
Way2Work Nottingham City Council	The D2N2 employment service will adopt a targeted approach which engages those individuals that are further away from the labour market, while providing a coherent and simplified service to employers to meet their recruitment needs. It will have a focussed approach in helping individuals secure sustained employment by working with employers to provide long term in-work support and mentoring to ensure individual barriers to sustained employment continue to be addressed whilst in work	31/12/2022	Alex Reader Project Manager 0115 876 2825 alex.reader@nottinghamcity.gov.uk
The iProgramme DBC Training	Provide training in digital skills and skills required through digitisation within the economy to unemployed and inactive individuals to upskill/reskill them, improve efficiencies and support business productivity. The focus will be on innovative delivery of digital skills, collaborative projects with small and medium sized businesses (SME) by providing placements, internships, work experience, traineeships, etc that will enable individuals to gain industry-relevant experience and skills	31/12/2022	Emma Grey Project Manager 01332 295588 Emma@dbc-training.co.uk

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Technical Construction Skills for the Unemployed TBC	A comprehensive package of support for unemployed and economically inactive residents to gain technical skills to support the construction sector in the D2N2 LEP area. The activity should develop technical skills to meet future needs for the construction sector including modular housing and low carbon technologies, and infrastructure developments like HS2 rail network	TBC	
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Supporting Progression into Food and Drink Manufacturing Sector TBC	Support for unemployed and inactive people to gain skills to secure employment in the food and drink manufacturing sector in the D2N2 area. The food and drink manufacturing sector has been identified as a core innovation sector within D2N2 and there are significant global opportunities for food and drink manufacturing. The activity should aim to develop technical skills to meet future needs for the sector and address skills issues emerging from the emerging sector Productivity and Growth Plan	TBC	

Investment Priority 1.2 – Sustainable Integration of Young People

Current live programmes

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Your Time in D2N1 Dimension Training Solutions Education & Skills Funding Agency opt in	Programme of support for young people aged 15 to 24 who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) to overcome personal barriers to reengage with the employment and training infrastructure. Support to include coaching and mentoring, access to basic skills, vocational regulated and non-regulated learning and careers information, advice, and guidance. Targeted on the Derby, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire areas only. Nottingham city has its own Youth Employment Initiative programme	31/12/2023	Parmjit Khatkar Operations Director 07795122453 Parmjit.khatkar@dimensionstrainingsolutions.co.uk
Unlocking Potential Futures Group	Project to provide innovative ways to positively engage with those who are at risk of becoming NEET whilst still in education and reduce the risk of them becoming NEET. The programme will develop career management skills in young people, provide access to high-quality labour market information; engage with employers to develop employability skills and provide careers	31/12/2022	Chris Grocock Interim Head of Business Development

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	advice that supports young people make the best career and training decisions, with a particular focus on broadening the horizons of young people struggling with exclusion and social mobility		07508 239538 0115 9601597 Chris.Grocock@the-futures-group.com

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Wellbeing support for young people who are NEET TBC	Support young people who are NEET or at risk of becoming NEET, particularly those leaving care with a focus on mental health and wellbeing support. The focus of this call will be to support those young people with additional needs or those from vulnerable groups, e.g. carers, care leavers, young offenders, those with learning difficulties and disabilities, at risk of gang involvement and from traveller communities	TBC	

Investment Priority 1.3 – Youth Employment Initiative – Nottingham City

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Nottingham Works Nottingham City Council	Intensive support for marginalised unemployed and NEET young people aged 16-29 resident in Nottingham to progress into education, employment or training. The project has a focus on specific target groups – lone parents, care leavers, young carers, complex disabilities, looked after children, ex-offenders, gang members, special educational needs and disability, at risk of homelessness. Delivery is focused on the wards with high levels of deprivation	31/12/22	Alex Reader Project Manager Tel: 0115 876 2825 alex.reader@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Investment Priority 1.4 – Active Inclusion

Current live programmes

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Opportunity and Change Framework Housing	Opportunity and Change is a pathway to employment, training and job search for people with multiple and complex needs across D2N2. As such it supports the most disadvantaged out of social exclusion, building their capabilities through co-ordinated service delivery and new work opportunities	2022 TBC	Richard Oskwarek Programme Manager 07966 884297 richard.oskwarek@FrameworkHA.org
Money Sorted St Ann's Advice Centre	A project that supports those with financial barriers to work develop money management skills and improve their financial well-being to increase their chances of securing work	2022 TBC	Debbie Webster 01159 081533 07979159096 Debbie.webster@stannsadvic.e.org.uk
Towards Work Groundwork Nottingham	Supporting disadvantaged people into employment, education and training through a personalised range of interventions designed to overcome personal barriers to work journey. Includes in work support for those recently securing employment to improve sustained employment	2022 TBC	Penny Halewood Programme Manager 07850 503125 penny.halewood@groundworknottingham.org.uk
Community Grants in D2N2 Futures Group Education & Skills	The programme will award eligible organisations grants of up to £20,000 to develop the capacity of communities to deliver activities that promote social inclusion, build employment and enterprise skills through the voluntary and community sector, provide intensive support to help upskill individuals move towards and enter work and engage with those individuals who are the hardest	31/12/2023	Claire Penny Community Grant Manager 07709353071

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Funding Agency opt in	to reach through innovative approaches		Claire.Penny@futuresforbusiness.com

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Active Inclusion Programme: Theme 1 - Multiple and Complex Needs TBC	Theme 1 aims to support people with multiple and complex barriers to participation to address underlying issues and to move closer to the labour market	TBC	
Theme 2 – Progress Towards Work TBC	Theme 2 aims to engage marginalised individuals and support them to (re)engage with education, training, or employment. Activity must focus on those furthest from the labour market	TBC	
Health and Social Care Workforce Development Programme	Provide training to unemployed and inactive individuals to secure employment in the Health and Social Care Sector. The Health & Social Care sector is one of D2N2's key skills and employment sectors because of its scale and potential to grow. It also has a twin role to play in D2N2's ambitions for inclusive growth by providing entry level jobs with progression potential to highly skilled roles; potentially of major benefit to those unemployed or inactive and furthest away from the labour market	TBC	

Investment Priority 2.1 – Enhancing Access to Lifelong Learning

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<p>Skills Support for the Workforce and Redundancy</p> <p>Serco</p> <p>Education & Skills Funding Agency opt in</p>	<p>Programme to support employers to develop individuals to fill intermediate (equivalent to Level 2), technical and higher-level (equivalent to Level 3 or above) skills gaps and shortages. The programme will address the basic skills needs of the employed, particularly in SMEs and micro businesses, increase the skills levels of the employed to at least the next level up and encourage progression within the workforce. It will increase the number of people with technical and job specific skills, to progress them into education, employment and apprenticeships to support business growth and productivity and increase the skills levels of employed women to help employers address the gender employment and wage gap. It will also promote apprenticeships to address skills gaps within the existing workforce.</p> <p>The programme will also support enterprises (of any size) that are undergoing industrial restructuring by providing skills and employability support for their employees who are 'at risk of redundancy' and support recently redundant individuals where initial contact through previous employers has not been possible</p>	<p>31/12/2023</p> <p>TBC</p>	<p>Howard Cordingley Partnership Coordinator</p> <p>Employment Skills & Enterprise</p> <p>07738894879</p> <p>howard.cordingley@serco.com</p>
<p>Priority Skills for D2N2 SMEs</p> <p>Nottingham Trent University</p>	<p>This project addresses the basic skills needs of the employed with a view to enable progression and promotion within the workplace. It also focuses on increasing skills levels of employed people to encourage progression in employment, increasing the number of people with technical and job specific skills to progress into higher apprenticeships and increases the skills levels of employed women</p>	<p>31/12/2020</p>	<p>Andria Birch</p> <p>Programme Manager – ESF High Level Skills</p> <p>0115 84 84109</p> <p>andria.birch@ntu.ac.uk</p>
<p>The iProgramme</p>	<p>Development and delivery of digital skills training (including creative and digital media skills) and training to adapt to the digitisation of the workplace to</p>	<p>31/12/2022</p>	<p>Emma Grey</p>

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DBC Training	employed individuals in SMEs across key sectors. The proposed services must deliver a responsive skills programme that is tailored to the needs of the D2N2 LEP area in order to stimulate a growth in the digital skills base for businesses that will give the best opportunity to grow the economy, increase productivity and create more and better jobs.		Project Manager Emma@dbc-training.co.uk 01332 295588

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STEM Skills in D2N2 TBC	Promote and increase STEM skills in the D2N2 LEP area. The activity will allow more targeted activity that is tailored towards encouraging female, and other under-represented groups, to participate in STEM subjects - science, technology, engineering and maths. In addition, activity should look to boost the take up of high-level skills in STEM subjects and alternative higher-level vocational pathways with increased SME participation.	TBC	
Leadership and Management Training for SMEs TBC	Support participants within SMEs to develop the leadership and management skills to support growth in business productivity and facilitate progression into management positions and business continuity where there are skills shortages. Activity will focus on leadership and management training to SMEs, support with business leadership and inclusive recruitment processes, support with further access to learning and training opportunities for staff, both qualifications driven and non-qualification driven and activity to look at how apprenticeships can support business growth	TBC	

Investment Priority 2.2 – Improving the Labour Market Relevance of Education and Training

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GRADS (Graduate Retention And Delivering Skills for SMEs) Nottingham Trent University	<p>This programme supports graduate retention in D2N2 through a programme of SME focused activities designed to raise the capacity of SMEs to attract and retain a highly skilled workforce and to ensure a supply of highly skilled talent that is better prepared for the SME workplace.</p> <p>SMEs are encouraged and supported to consider higher and degree apprenticeships as a route to acquiring the skills they need. The project will provide a support mechanism for institutions and SMEs to create career pathways, provide SMEs with incentives to provide flexible and meaningful work experience opportunities, support disadvantaged students to improve their job prospects and promote better links between higher skills institutions and employers</p>	31/12/2020	<p>Andria Birch</p> <p>Programme Manager – ESF High Level Skills</p> <p>0115 84 84109</p> <p>andria.birch@ntu.ac.uk</p>

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D2N2 Skills Access Hub Nottingham City Council	<p>A bespoke local Skills Access Hub implementing an effective skills support infrastructure within a single coordinated, strategic framework. The Skills Access Hub will provide clear linkages and alignment with ERDF funded programmes aimed at supporting businesses, particularly the D2N2 Growth Hub as well as other ESF and mainstream funded programmes aimed at delivering development and skills-based programmes. The hub should look to provide tailored solutions and flexible delivery to meet the skills and</p>	TBC	

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	apprenticeship priorities of employers and employees		
Unlocking Potential Hub Futures Group	A mechanism for linking co-ordination of local employers with schools and young people to provide meaningful/inspirational experiences of the world of work, foster and encourage entrepreneurialism and ensure young people can make informed education and career choices in the D2N2 LEP area. In particular projects should clearly outline how they will remove barriers that are preventing SMEs from providing work experience opportunities, broker opportunities for young people to engage in work experience and related activities within SMEs and engage employers in curriculum design and delivery in preparation for the introduction of T-levels	TBC	