



Improving Futures – Briefing Events

In March the Big Lottery Fund announced our latest funding programme Improving Futures.

Improving Futures is a £20m investment that aims to improve outcomes for children in families experiencing multiple disadvantage. It will provide funding to a limited number of partnerships led by voluntary and community sector organisations. These partnerships should demonstrate that they are able to build on best practice and provision already available in their area, to make a real difference for families. Families supported through Improving Futures will have an oldest child aged between 5 – 10 years, and will not already be involved in another intensive support programme.

To provide further information on this exciting funding opportunity BIG will be holding seven briefing events across the country. The programme for these events will comprise presentations from the Big Lottery Fund and other bodies, as well as opportunities for participants to discuss in small groups their challenges in putting a partnership together and making a successful bid. Eligibility criteria and the process of selecting projects for funding will also be covered at the events. Staff will be on hand after each event to offer first hand advice to any participant.

To facilitate these events we are using the Local Government and Improvement and Development (LGID) web portal. If you are interested in attending a briefing event please click on this link to see the event dates and venues and to access the booking form.

<http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?pagelId=26593649>

We expect high demand for these events. To ensure as many organisations as possible have the opportunity to participate we ask that only 1 individual per organisation attends the briefing events. If this is likely to cause difficulties please contact us on 0207 296 6880 or by email improvingfutures@local.gov.uk

If you are unable to make the briefing event you can still access the resources on offer at the briefing events. A dedicated Community of Practice has been opened for all partnerships interested in this programme. We will post useful documentation, advice, and frequently asked questions and answers on the community. Joining the CoP is straightforward, simply click on the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/4lk7wm2>

Kind regards
The Improving Futures Team