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Building Better Opportunities for Swindon & Wiltshire

Welcome to Building Better Opportunities

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Housekeeping

- Fire Exits
- Toilets
- Tea and Coffee
- Mobile phones
- Slides and handouts all available online
- Have you signed in and left us your email address?
- Questions welcome throughout
- Sharp end time



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Objective:

Raise awareness and provide information for the VCSE sector in Wiltshire and Swindon on the ESF/BIG 'Building Better Opportunities' fund.



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Open preliminary discussions on the content of a possible bid/s, begin to develop plans.

Open preliminary discussions on consortium building and delivery, begin to develop partnerships.



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Other opening events and subsequent workshops

Thursday 23rd April – opening event Swindon

Monday 27th April – opening event Salisbury

Tuesday 28th April – opening event Devizes

Survey

Friday 15th May – full day workshop Swindon

Monday 18th May – full day workshop Devizes



What's happening elsewhere?

This is a national programme.

In the South West Region there are bids being developed by LEPs – Dorset, Gloucestershire, Heart of the South West (Devon, Torbay, Plymouth and Somerset) and Cornwall.

Most of these areas are ahead of us in the process – having held early meetings and now moving on to forming consortia and looking at bidding.



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In Wiltshire:

A Partnership has already been given a small amount of funding to:

- Raise awareness
 - Support development of a bid
 - Be a contact point
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- This is not necessarily the group that will bid and/or deliver



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Who's Who

Voluntary Action Swindon – Dave Potts

Wiltshire Council – Julian Head

Swindon Borough Council – Lyn Gardner/Sally
Burnett

Develop – Jane Windle-Hartshorn/Jackie Crowther

Wiltshire Community Foundation – Jon Yates

Learning Curve – Tim Ward



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Who's who?

Cabinet Office – Renee Smith Gorringe

Citizens Advice Bureau – Sarah Cardy

Community First – Pip Read and Lynn Gibson

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Mike Read Associates – Mike Read and Liz Read

BIG Lottery -



What will happen here today?

- Schedule
- We are going to tell you what we know about the current situation
- Please remember: We will tell you as best we can, but details are emerging and evolving
- What can happen today?

Provide information, start discussions, highlight issues