

# Chesterfield Champions Events in 2019

## **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - New Grant Funding Opportunities**



The May Champions event introduced Champions to two new grant funding opportunities:-

- New Look Skills Bank – helping businesses to invest in their workforce and improve productivity by matching private sector investment with public funding;
- D2N2 Capital Growth Fund - offering capital grant support between £1,500 and £10,000 (up to a maximum of 30% of eligible project costs) to small and medium-sized enterprises.

Champions also heard about the successes of the Redbrik Chesterfield Half Marathon and the Pronto Paints Wellbeing Challenge, as well as how you can get involved this year.

As always there was the usual networking breakfast which provided time to catch up with fellow Champions and meet new faces.

## **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Boosting Wellbeing for Economic Growth**



This Champions Breakfast focussed on health and wellbeing and the impact it has on the local workforce and local economy.

Champions found out about the first walking football European Nations Cup, which will be hosted at the Proact Stadium this summer. This event provide the town with international media coverage.

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Champions also heard about a new community innovation centre, COMMuniTY Chesterfield, which aims to raise aspirations in the area, as well as to help local people live healthier lives. DVA will be working in partnership with the University's Health and Social Care department.

## **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Chesterfield FC vs Eastleigh**



We once again supported Chesterfield FC by hosting a table at the Chesterfield FC vs Eastleigh match on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Champions were invited to join us for a welcome drink, followed by lunch and a tour of the stadium before watching the match in the VIP Van Yard Stand.

## **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February - Future High Streets Fund & Destination Chesterfield's marketing plan**



Champions were invited to share their ideas ahead of Chesterfield's funding application for a share of the £675m Future High Streets fund. During the morning, Destination Chesterfield asked Champions to comment on its marketing plan for promoting the town over the next few years.

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## **Friday 25th January - Breakfast with Toby Perkins MP**



Chesterfield Champions and members of East Midlands Chamber were invited to share operating concerns or observations with Toby Perkins MP.

It was an informal round table event including breakfast and the chance to catch up with fellow Champions and Chamber members.

## **Wednesday 23rd January - Breakfast with Toby Perkins MP**



Champions were invited to have a say on the revised HS2 Station Masterplan which at the time was being finalised by Chesterfield Borough Council. This event was an opportunity to learn more about the Council's Vision Document and the planning policies required for delivery, as well as for Champions to share their views.

Champions also found out about Chesterfield Borough Council's draft Local Plan which sets out proposed future housing, industrial, commercial and leisure land use until 2033.