



Added Value of Networking

Success Story

Success Story title *Using projects database to fund projects in other areas*

Theme *Network communications; Knowledge exchange;*

NRN *England* Coordinator *NSU*

Partners *Managing Authorities and Local Action Groups*

Period *September 2012* Resources *Free*

Geo-location *North West and South West*

Beneficiaries *Managing Authorities and Local Action Groups*

Background

The RDPE Network was informed early on that LAGs and Delivery bodies would like to see an online projects database that provided individuals with the means to know what projects are being funded across the country.

Main activities

The RDPE Network added the functionality to its website for people to be able to upload projects to its database. This service is open to anyone and does not require any log ins or complicated forms to be completed.

Main results/benefits

We have had over 1 600 projects uploaded to the database to date and have carried out some follow up work to make the form even more accessible including adding hints and tips to encourage people to upload more information. We have also added the ability for people to add addition information as PDFs.

We have evidence that people have used the information provided in the database to develop their own projects by contacting existing project managers and sharing application forms enabling them to save considerable time when completing their own applications.





Contribution of the NSU

The RDPE Network hosts the Projects database on its website and provides some support to people uploading projects. In the early days the Network that went looking for the projects and encouraged people to upload them although this does not need to happen very much anymore because awareness of the database has grown.

Contribution of the partners

Our partners are the people that contribute the projects without their assistance we would not have so many projects on the database.

Success factors

The projects database is a completely voluntary task and nobody has to add their projects so for busy people to take time out of their days to add projects to the database makes it a fabulous success, it is not just people adding projects but the others who come to the database to view what is going on and using the information for their own projects.

Additional information

The RDPE Network projects database can be found at <http://rdpenetwork.defra.gov.uk/projects>

