

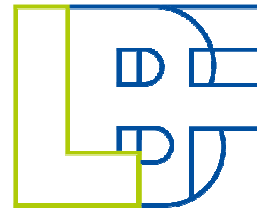


LEADER
East Leicestershire



East Leicestershire LEADER Launch Event

LEADER is a European Funding programme designed to support rural development by providing grants to small businesses and communities. Approximately £1.5million is available to fund projects in the East Leicestershire area from 2015 until 2020. We expect the first funding call in East Leicestershire to open in October 2015.



**Leicester
Business
Festival
2015**



The LEADER Launch Event will be held as part of the [Leicester Business Festival](#).

The event will take place:

Venue: The Coplow Centre, Billesdon, Leicestershire LE7 9AR
Date: Tuesday 27th October 2015
Time: 19:00-21:00

This will be a chance for businesses who are interested in LEADER to find out more about the process and how they can apply for funding. The Rural Payments Agency will also give a presentation on the [LLEP Growth Programme](#), which is currently open for applications until November 27th.

The event will feature expert speakers as well a LEADER funding workshop and a chance to network and share experience with other local businesses.

18:30-19:00	Arrival and Refreshments	Attendees are welcome from 18:30, with the event due to start at 19:00.
19:00-20:00	Presentations;	East Leicestershire LEADER. LLEP Growth Programme (EAFRD). Case Studies from previously grant funded projects.
20:00-21:00	Drop in and Networking	The structured part of the event will be followed by an informal chance to network and talk to representatives from local organisations; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Superfast Leicestershire - Leicestershire Promotions - East Midlands Chamber of Commerce - National Farmers Union - LLEP Business Gateway - Shire Grants - Federation of Small Businesses

To book a place, please e-mail matthew.jones@leics.gov.uk or call 0116 305 3117. As places at the event may be limited, please try to restrict the number of attendees per business/project to no more than 2. More information will be added to the [Leicestershire Rural Partnership's](#) website in the run-up to the event.