

Welcome to this edition of the national European Social Fund Newsletter.



The Skills Show 2013

Preparations are now well under way for The Skills Show, which takes place at the Birmingham NEC on 14-16 November. Already over 50,000 people have registered to attend the event, which will showcase the wide range of vocational skills opportunities open to young people - through skills competitions, demonstrations and hands on activities. The event, which is part funded by ESF through technical assistance, features an ESF Zone for 30 ESF exhibitors. Two seminars to showcase ESF achievements and effective practice will be held on 14 November. One focuses on provision for young people in the 2014-2020 programme, and the other highlights good practice in equal opportunities and sustainable development through the ESF Mainstreaming Leader Awards 2013.

ESF providers and partners are asked to publicise the Skills Show and attend where possible. Projects involved in delivering provision to young people, especially those not in education, employment or training, within reasonable travelling distance of the event are particularly encouraged to visit with participants, where they feel this would be appropriate.

Running alongside the main event will be The Skills Show Experience, which will deliver skills events for 14-25 year olds at a number of locations around the country. We will provide more information shortly.

[>>The Skills Show](#)



Inspiring Work: new employment and skills website for the South West

Cornwall, the Isles of Scilly, Devon and Somerset have a new employment and skills website. Working with the European Social Fund the Convergence Communications team has developed the website which incorporates Cornwall Works but now has a wider geographical focus. The website has a broad employment and skills agenda and features case studies, media releases, and multi media highlighting employment and skills delivery, including ESF Convergence.

[->> www.inspiringwork.org](http://www.inspiringwork.org)



Open Days - 11th European Week of Regions and Cities

The OPEN DAYS – European Week of Regions and Cities, taking place from 7-11 October, is an annual four-day event during which cities and regions in Europe showcase their capacity to create growth and jobs and good practice in delivering European Union funds. Further information is on the Europa website, with details of events happening in European countries, including the UK, in the local events section.

[->>11th European Week of Regions and Cities](#)

[->>Local events](#)

London Day One Support success

A participant in the Day One Support for Young People Trailblazer scheme in London has now

successfully applied for a job as an ERDF Article 13 Delivery Officer in the Greater London Assembly. Steven tells his story on the London ESF and ERDF news blog.

[>>Tea with a trailblazer - Steven](#)



Toy story growing thanks to graduate

A family run business in Cornwall that supplies and delivers quality wooden toys has received a boost by taking on a graduate under the Unlocking Potential graduate jobs programme. Since Kristien Harris joined the company just over a year ago, Bodmin based Marbel has taken on six new employees, increased turnover and started to grow their brand

globally.

[>>Toy story growing thanks to graduate](#)

London LEP consultation event – 14 October

The London Local Enterprise Partnership is holding a consultation event for social, economic and environmental partners to discuss the delivery of a large part of the European Structural and Investment Funds for 2014-2020 in London. This event is open to trade unions, employers' organisations, community and third sector groups and the skills and education sector. The event will take place on Monday 14 October at Congress House, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS.

[>> LEP Consultation Event on European Structural and Investment Funds for 2014-2020](#)

Helpful Links

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[Skills Funding Agency Co-financing Organisation \(CFO\)](#)

[Ministry of Justice \(National Offender Management Service CFO\)](#)

[Department for Work and Pensions CFO](#)

[Greater London Authority](#)

[Inspiring Work: Cornwall and SW](#)

[TAEN \(The Age and Employment Network\)](#)

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