

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



Skills Show exhibition space for ESF providers

ESF programme providers are invited to apply for fully funded exhibition space in the ESF Zone at this year's Skills Show, which takes place at the NEC Birmingham from 14 to 16 November 2013. This funding gives ESF providers a chance to showcase their programmes to 75,000 visitors, most of them young people, over three days at the UK's largest skills and careers event. Due

to the holiday period, the closing date for applications has been extended to Thursday 12 September 2013. You can read more about this opportunity online or email The Skills Show for more information at esfexhibition@theskillsshow.com.

[>>The Skills Show receives ESF funding for exhibitors](#)

EU Growth Programme events and activities

Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) are currently developing their 2014-2020 EU growth programme strategies and numerous events, activities and consultations are going on up and down the country to which a wide range of partners and stakeholders are invited and involved. Many of these forthcoming events and activities can be found on the NCVO European Funding Network website.

[>>How LEPs are engaging with the voluntary sector](#)



Targeted support for vulnerable young Londoners

In the first 18 months of this pan-London ESF programme, Go4it has helped over 340 young teenage parents or care leavers (aged 16-19). Each participant receives dedicated and specialist advice from their own experienced adviser, who works closely with them to prepare them for the right employment, study and training options. Work and college tasters are offered and funding is available through the Go4it Fund or a Go4it bursary. And Go4it Rewards acknowledge the commitment and achievement of

those on the programme. Young parents are also given help in finding child care.

[>>Targeted support – GO4it](#)

Fifteen Cornwall shortlisted for European award



Jamie Oliver's Fifteen Cornwall has been shortlisted for the finals of the RegioStars 2014 Awards. The awards aim to highlight innovation and good practices in regional development. The critically acclaimed restaurant is a social enterprise which aims to inspire via food and offers a chance for disadvantaged young people to transform their lives by becoming chefs. Run by the charity Cornwall Foundation of Promise, Fifteen Cornwall was originally set up using ESF and ERDF investment. It continues to receive ESF Convergence for

its Apprentice Programme. RegioStars Award winners will be announced in March 2014.

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ESF boosts skills in Sheffield

ESF is funding a £12m training drive in the Sheffield area to help small and medium sized firms develop the skills of their workers and increase productivity. The initiative, delivered locally by Learning Unlimited part of the Chesterfield College Group, will provide training in priority industries identified by the Sheffield City Region Local Enterprise Partnership. The initiative is part of the wider national Skills Support in the Workforce programme recently procured by the Skills Funding Agency.

[>>Major fully-funded training drive can help your business](#)



Milliner in demand

Holly Young's millinery business, which was established in 2010 with the help of the ESF Convergence Empowering Smart Women project, is going from strength to strength with interest and patronage from HRH Prince Charles and HRH the Duchess of Cornwall, Camilla, who she met recently at a Cornwall Crafts Association anniversary celebration. In order to manage increasing demand, Holly has also been able to hire graduate Natalie Richards with the assistance of the DWP/Jobcentre Plus Wage Incentive scheme. Natalie graduated in Costume Design from the University of Bournemouth and now works two days a week for Holly – adding value to the business whilst expanding her skills.

[>>Milliner in demand](#)

Helpful Links

[ESF-Works](#)

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

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

[Department for Work and Pensions CFO](#)

[Greater London Authority](#)

[Cornwall Works](#)

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

[Europa \(Europe ESF website\)](#)

[The National Council for Voluntary Organisations NCVO](#)

[Gibraltar](#)

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