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England ESIF Growth Programme GOV.UK Pages

Guidance

England 2014 to 2020 European Structural and Investment Funds Growth programme

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Applies to: England

Information and guidance on who can apply, how to apply, and who is involved.

The newly developed website pages for the new programme on GOV.UK are now live. At this very early stage, the pages include a homepage for the England 2014 to 2020 ESIF Growth Programme, the ESIF Growth Programme handbook where all the detail and information about the Programme will be available and a page on the Growth Programme Board. Over the coming months more detail and documents will be added to these initial

pages.

[>>England 2014 to 2020 European Structural and Investment Funds Growth programme](#)

Adult Learners' Week 2015



Nominations for Adult Learners' Week are still open until 17 December 2014. There are three main national ESF Award categories: ESF Outstanding Adult Learner, ESF Outstanding Young Adult Learner, and ESF Outstanding Project. Nominees will be entered both for the local and national ESF awards. ESF providers are encouraged to nominate for the ESF awards and also other awards they may be eligible for if relevant. All the information you need to make a nomination can be found on the Adult Learners' Week website.

[>>Adult Learners' Week 2015](#)

Awards for Active Plus



Active Plus is a community interest company founded in Cornwall where military veterans who have physical injuries or have suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder deliver courses that build confidence, motivation and life-skills. It was established in Cornwall with ESF Convergence investment and is now delivering a range of services through mainstreaming government funding by organisations such as DWP. In November it won the Health Improvement and Promotion category of the Military and Civilian Health Partnership Awards and Best Community Contribution at the Western Morning News

Business Awards 2014.

[>>Awards for Active Plus](#)

Pub chefs improve their butchery skills



Customers at an Inn in Cornwall, may notice a wider range of meat cuts and dishes on the menu now that two of the chefs have expanded their skills with a butchery course. Andrew Claxton, chef and kitchen assistant, and Phil Lawry, sous chef, completed a Level 2 Award in Developing Work Related Skills in Beef and Pork Butchery. The course was supported by Skills Support for the Workforce (SSW). SSW receives ESF Convergence investment co- financed by the Skills Funding Agency to offer tailored training to people in the workplace.

[>>Pub chefs tackle meaty subject](#)

London Enterprise Panel website

The London Enterprise Panel has recently launched its new website on which current and future details of the European Structural and Investment Fund (ESIF) programme in London will be posted. The website also hosts a Question and Answer factsheet which seeks to address a number of frequently asked questions on the new programmes. This includes answers to the questions posed at the recent ERDF Workshops on the 7th and 10th November, which were held at the GLA and the attendance list and presentation slides from the workshops.

[>>London Enterprise Panel website](#)

[>>ERDF and ESF in London 2014-20:Questions and Answers](#)

Day One Support for Young People Trailblazer

The Day One Support for Young People Trailblazer was an ESF funded mandatory programme designed to help young people aged 18 to 24 with less than six months' work history get the skills and experience they need to help them move into employment. The Trailblazer took place in the North and South London Jobcentre Plus districts. A research report and a preliminary impact assessment are now available on GOV.UK.

[>>Evaluation of the Day One Support for Young People Trailblazer](#)

[>>Day One support for Young People trailblazer :impact analysis](#)

50+ Works: A guide for older jobseekers

The Age and Employment Network (TAEN) are currently adapting their advisers' web based tool into a new online guide for individuals and there will be an event to launch this in January. More information is available on the TAEN website.



[>>50+ Works: A guide for older jobseekers](#)

Helpful links

[England ESF programme national website](#)

[@DWPESFEngland on Twitter](#)

[@esif1420england on Twitter](#)

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

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

[Department for Work and Pensions CFO](#)

[Big Lottery Fund](#)

[Greater London Authority - European Programmes Management Unit - ESF pages](#)

[Inspiring Work: Cornwall and the South West](#)

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

[Europa \(European Commission website\) ESF pages](#)

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

[Gibraltar ESF secretariat website pages](#)

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