

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



Tori turns to painting and decorating

A "have a go" activity at The Skills Show 2013 has inspired 17-year-old Tori Hill to go on a work experience placement in painting and decorating. Tori attended the show with a mentored visit group organised by Black Country training provider BCTG, as part of the Get Involved scheme. The scheme began in July 2013 to help 68 young participants who were previously not involved in any type of education, employment or training. BCTG organised some work experience for her at a local training provider, and is now aiming for an apprenticeship to continue her learning."

[>>Get Involved case study - FE Community site](#)

London funding opportunity

The Greater London Authority is currently inviting applications for the new ESF "Team London Volunteers into Employment, Education or Training" project, which aims to harness the benefits of volunteering and work readiness training to assist participants in securing sustained employment, education or training. Bids are being accepted until 16:00, 14 February 2014.

[>>GLA ESF Youth Programme](#)

NCVO event: Opportunities for European Funding in East of England

An event to look at future opportunities for funding under the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) in the East of England is taking place on 28 February 2014. This event will feature a mix of workshop sessions and presentations from Local Enterprise Partnerships exploring how this funding might be used.

[>>NCVO event: Opportunities for European Funding in East of England](#)



PET-Xi volunteering in Sheffield

In 2013 PET-Xi delivered a volunteering with qualification package targeted at young people NEET, aged 16-18, in Sheffield. The project received funding and support from Sheffield City Council and the European Social Fund. Participation on the project has transformed the life of one young man, Jak, who struggled at school, but flourished when offered a volunteering placement as a sound engineering assistant at a Sheffield theatre. You can read about his experience in a new ESF case study, and a YouTube video also tells his story.

[>>PET-Xi](#)

[>>YouTube video: Jak's story](#)



ESF placement helps increase turnover

A hotel in Newquay that aims to attract responsible groups to the resort has seen a record increase in turnover partly due to support from Lee Betts, who was employed under the ESF Unlocking Potential graduate placement programme.

[>>Sunnyside UP](#)

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