

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



## Adult Learners' Week 2014

Adult Learners' Week 2014 takes place next year on 14 – 20 June, with the national award ceremony being held on Monday 16 June in London, and regional awards ceremonies taking place in the two preceding weeks. Nominations are now open for the national and local awards. There are three ESF categories for the national awards: **Outstanding Adult**

**Learner, Outstanding Young Adult Learner, and Inspiring Learning Project.** There are also up to 10 awards at a local level for the **ESF Individual Learner** and **ESF Project** categories. The closing date for nominations is 30 January 2014.

The awards celebrate the achievements and inspiring stories of those who have changed their lives through learning. Adult Learners' Week will take place about a month later than in previous years, with a new festival of learning taking place from May 2014, which will include a Learning at Work Day, VQ Day (a celebration of vocational qualifications) and Volunteers' Week.

[>>Adult Learners' Week](#)

## European Structural and Investment Fund Strategies – update

The Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) have submitted initial drafts of their European Structural and Investment Fund Strategies. The strategies were submitted on or before Monday 7 October and are now being evaluated. LEPs will receive comments back in early November, and will submit final versions of their strategies are to be submitted by the end of January 2014.

[Latest on 2014-2020 England European Structural and Investment Funds](#)



## TAEN event: a Debate on Older Women in the Labour Market

How will older women adjust to the changes in state pension age and expectations of working longer? This is one of many questions to be debated at an event hosted by The Age and Employment Network (TAEN) and supported by their ESF Technical Assistance project at the House of Commons on Monday 28 October.

[>>A Debate on Older Women in the Labour Market](#)

## TAEN event: Workshop for ESF providers targeting older people

TAEN is also running a workshop for staff working on ESF projects that specifically or partially target older people. By the end of the workshop participants will have explored the challenges facing older workers and their advisers and considered options for addressing these in a practical way. The workshop will be held between 10:00 and 15:00 on Thursday 31 October and again on Friday 1 November at Cornwall College.

[>>50+ Matters: working effectively with 50+ clients](#)



## Coastline plumbing success

Thirteen housing association maintenance workers have been trained in a variety of plumbing skills thanks to a bespoke package designed by Cornwall College and supported by the Work Place Learning project (WPL) which is ESF and Skills Funding Agency co-financed. The employees work for Coastline Housing, a housing association which manages more than 3,900 homes. As well as upskilling the employees, the training will benefit the business in the

long term and improve the level of service for tenants.

[>>Coastline plumbing success](#)

## Tweeting ESF



Remember that the ESF managing authority now has its own Twitter account, @DWPESFEngland, which promotes ESF key messages and activity in England, including on the development of the 2014-2020 programme. As well as providing an outlet for our own messages, it is a useful tool for keeping up with the news and

activities of other ESF partners and stakeholders who use Twitter.

[>>@DWPESFEngland on Twitter](#)

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