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



## **Big Lottery Fund announces Building Better Opportunities**

The Big Lottery Fund launched Building Better Opportunities which is jointly funded with the European Social Fund as part of the 2014-2020 ESIF Growth Programme in England on Friday 5 June. The first 71 funding opportunities in 25 LEP areas are available now. The Big Lottery Fund website contains information about the funding opportunities available and guidance and supporting

documents for applicants.

[>>Big Lottery Fund announces Building Better Opportunities](#)



## **England ESIF 2014-2020 programme**

A UK-wide ESIF Programme portal has been developed on the GOV.UK website. There are four sections including information about the funds, Government role, EU regulations and provision arrangements in England. Section 2 includes links to England ESIF programme project requirements and publicity material, selection criteria and eligibility rules, information about the Growth Programme Board, the draft ERDF and ESF Operational programmes 2014-2020 and the role of the Rural Development Programme for England Network.

[>>European funds \(European Structural and Investment\) Funds](#)



## **Trucker turns gardener**

Glenn Canham has launched his own garden maintenance and tree surgery business after 22 years working as a lorry driver thanks to ESF Convergence investment. Mr Canham, 53, a keen biker, launched his business after completing several training courses - chainsaw, mini digger driving, aerial cutting of trees and tree climbing rescue. The courses were delivered via Cornwall Marine Network under Skills Support for the Unemployed (SSU). SSU is led by the Learning Partnership and receives ESF Convergence co-financed by the Skills Funding Agency. A variety of partners deliver the training across Cornwall.

[>>Trucker turns gardener](#)



13-19 June 2015

## Adult Learners' Week 2015

Adult Learners' Week is taking place soon – 13-19 June. Stories of the award winners, including ESF individual winners and projects will be appearing on the NIACE website shortly.

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



## Barista training at airport

A training course for baristas at Newquay Cornwall Airport has led to nine out of 12 participants finding employment. The airport has a number of coffee shops and Newquay for Excellence Training assisted with the recruitment and training process.

[>>Barista training at airport](#)

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## Helpful links

[England ESF programme national website](#)

[England ESIF 2014-2020 programme national website](#)

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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](#)

[Big Lottery Fund](#)

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

[London Enterprise Panel](#)

[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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