

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



Solent Skills Festival and Jobs Fair

Over 3,000 people, including 2,600 school and college students, attended the Solent Skills Festival and Jobs Fair which took place on 16 October at the Southampton City Cruise Terminal. The event was the first of many Skills Show Experience events which are planned in the coming months around the country, which aim to bring employment skills demonstrations, have a go skills opportunities, and careers advice to young people.

[>>The Skills Show Experience: events near you](#)



Community Work Placements

Community Work Placements will be one of three intensive options available through Help to Work support for Jobseeker's Allowance claimants returning from the Work Programme, whose key barrier to employment is either insufficient recent work experience or a lack of motivation, or both. The other two options are the Mandatory Intervention Regime and daily signing. In England, Community Work Placements will be part-funded by the

European Social Fund, under DWP's co-financing agreements.

Providers will be contracted to deliver full time work placements for claimants alongside supported jobsearch. The aim is to move them closer to employment and ultimately into work. It is a mandatory programme and claimants will be subject to sanctions if they fail to participate. Delivery will start from April 2014 and the last referrals will be made in March 2016, with contracts and delivery ending in October 2016.

[>>Community Work Placements](#)



Barefoot steps up a gear

A graduate from Newquay on the Unlocking Potential (UP) programme has helped Barefoot Media PR agency attract award nominations and £8,000 of new business since starting work for them last year. Esme Fillingham has three main clients at the agency, one of which is Cornwall's Crealy Great Adventure Park, where this photograph was taken.

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The Skills Show 2013

Final preparations are being made for The Skills Show 2013 which takes place at the Birmingham NEC on Thursday 14 to Saturday 16 November. You can still register to attend The Skills Show, which is the UK's largest skills and careers event, offering inspiring opportunities in skills, training and apprenticeships. The two ESF seminars which will take place in the morning on 14 November will be well attended but it is still possible to book a place if you would like to go to either or both of these. There is also an exhibition area to showcase ESF support for young

people – comprising of 27 ESF funded providers and the Managing Authority. More detailed information about the event and registration can be found in the two following links. We look forward to seeing you there!

[>>Book The Skills Show](#)

[>>The Skills Show - ESF](#)

Helpful Links

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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](#)

[Greater London Authority](#)

[Inspiring Work: Cornwall and SW](#)

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

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

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