

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



Adult Learners' Week 2014 award nominations in January

Nominations for Adult Learners' Week 2014 awards can be submitted through the month of January until the closing date of 5pm, Thursday 30 January. This year the national ESF awards are:

- ESF Young Adult Learner of the Year (Age 18-25)
- ESF Outstanding Individual Learner of the Year
- ESF Inspiring Learning Project of the Year

At a local level there will also be up to ten awards for the Individual and Project award categories. Online forms and information about how to nominate can be found on the Adult Learners' Week website.

[>>Adult Learners' Week 2014](#)



EU publishes new 2014-2020 Regulations for ESF

The legislation governing the 2014-2020 round of EU structural and investment funds (including the European Social Fund) has been adopted by the European Parliament and Council of the European Union. The regulations were published on 20 December 2013 in the 'Official Journal of the EU'.

The two regulations relating specifically to the European Social Fund are:

The ESF Regulation (Regulation (EU) No 1298/2013 – (p. 256)

The Common Provisions Regulation (Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 – (p. 320)

[>>Official Journal of the European Union – 2014-2020 ESF Regulations \(20 December 2013\)](#)



Sheffield based Leader Award winners honoured at young people NEET jobs fair

Sheffield City Council and two local charities received European Social Fund Leader Awards 2013 from local MP, the Rt Hon David Blunkett, at a jobs fair for young people in Sheffield on 29 November. Sheffield City Council and the Youth Association South Yorkshire (YASY) were recognised as ESF Gender Equality Leaders for their work helping young mums into employment, and the Heeley City Farm project received the Sustainable Development Leader award for work with vulnerable young people. The event aimed to connect young people not in

education, employment or training (NEET) with local employers and training providers.

[>>Sheffield based ESF Leader Award winners honoured at NEET jobs fair](#)



Cornwall Works WISE Awards 2014 nominations open

The 2014 Cornwall Works WISE Awards was launched on 6 January 2014 with an invitation for nominations. The awards are a celebration of achievements in employment and skills, and aim to highlight the important role that the European Social Fund – at present through the ESF Convergence Programme – has across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

[Nominations open for Cornwall Works WISE awards 2014](#)

Start-up success for Slynk Wetsuits



A previously unemployed designer, who received support in starting her business from the ESF Skills Support for the Unemployed project via Truro and Penwith College, is now receiving high demand from around the world for her bespoke wetsuit designs. Joanne Bennett's Slynk Wetsuits business launched less than a year ago. Joanne has particularly benefited from access to relevant skills courses and nationally recognised qualifications which helped start up the business, which she plans to expand further in 2014.

[>>Start-up success for Slynk Wetsuits](#)

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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](#)

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[Inspiring Work: Cornwall and SW](#)

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

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

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