

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

## ESF moves to GOV.UK

The ESF website ([www.dwp.gov.uk/esf](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/esf)) has transitioned to the [GOV.UK](http://gov.uk) website. The old site is soon to be 'switched off' (possibly next week, commencing 9 June) and a redirect will be put in place to <https://www.gov.uk/dwp/esf-2007-2013>.



## DWP Social Justice Director joins Inclusion Cornwall celebrations

The tenth birthday of Inclusion Cornwall – an initiative aimed at reducing social exclusion and improving quality of life - was celebrated on 20 May 20 with an event at the Lighthouse Cinema, Newquay. Inclusion Cornwall helps people who need that extra bit of support to turn their lives around by joining up organisations so people can benefit from more comprehensive support, to help people get back to, stay in, and progress in work.

Inclusion Cornwall projects, supported by ESF Convergence investment, include the award winning Cornwall Works 50+ and

Cornwall Works with Families, Active Plus, Menopause Self Care and Smart Savings. Many Inclusion Cornwall projects now receive mainstream investment (for example Jobcentre Plus and the Big Lottery) as a result of the successful outcomes delivered through ESF.

The birthday event included a keynote speech by Mark Fisher CBE, Director for Social Justice at the Department for Work and Pensions, music and drama from local artists, and presentations from organisations and projects who work with Inclusion Cornwall.

Mr Fisher said, "Social Justice is a cross-Government agenda that is helping people turn their lives around, in particular through the opportunities and independence that work brings for the individual and their families. It is great to see initiatives such as Inclusion Cornwall making this real at the local level. I have been impressed with the collaborative activity achieving multiple results. Active Plus is a great example - providing much needed motivation and confidence-building for a range of customer groups, powered by tutors who are all injured military veterans and are on their own journeys back to the world of work."

Andrea Gilbert, Inclusion Cornwall Manager, said, "The telling impact of the decade of Inclusion Cornwall has been outcomes for people - people who need that extra fillip to overcome a challenge or to engage with the mainstream. And this people-centred approach will be our calling card for the future."

[>>Inclusion Cornwall celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> birthday](#)

## Adult Learners' Week 14-20 June

Regional Adult Learners' Week awards ceremonies, including the presentation of local ESF awards, are now taking place in different locations around the country, and the national awards ceremony will take place in London on Monday 16 June. Our next newsletter (issue 52, 19 June) will carry extensive details of these events and the local and national ESF award winners.



[>>Adult Learners' Week](#)



## London “Gearing Up For ESF” forum event

London Technical Assistance project VCS Assist held a successful and well attended event on 16th May to provide an update to voluntary and community sector (VCS) providers on new ESF 2014-2020 programme developments.

A report of the event, [Getting Ready for ESF Commissioning](#), with notes from the event’s table discussions and a list of participant contacts, is published on the VCS Assist website, and presentations from the event can also be found there.

[>>VCS Assist: Event report, participant list, and presentations from](#)

[Gearing Up for ESF Forum event](#)

## New NOMS CFO Tentative Contract Notice for 2014-2020 programme

The National Offender Management Service Co-Financing Organisation (NOMS CFO) and the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) have published a Tentative Contract Notice on Contract Finder which is the government’s portal for contract opportunities.

NOMS CFO will host 3 events during June to provide organisations who have expressed interest with more information about the forthcoming ESF Operational Programme 2014-2020.

Details of events (ESF contract areas in brackets):

**Birmingham, 4th June 2014** Bethel Convention Centre (W Midlands, E Midlands, South West)

**London, 11th June 2014** The Kia Oval (London, South East, East of England)

**Manchester, 18th June 2014** Mercure Manchester Piccadilly Hotel (North West, North East, Yorkshire)

To secure a place at one of the events, please email: [cfo-3@noms.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:cfo-3@noms.gsi.gov.uk)

[>> NOMS CFO provision for the ESF 2014-2020 Operational Programme](#)



## Have a go at construction

Midas Construction and other local employers hosted Camborne Science and International Academy students on a special day to explore careers in construction on Tuesday May 13th. The event is part of the Skills Show Experience Programme, supported by ESF, with local skills and careers events taking place all over the country. The Skills Show Experience in early June includes events in Luton, Blackpool, Bisborrow

and Peterborough.

[>>Have a go at construction](#)

[>>Events near you](#)

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## Helpful Links

[England ESF programme national website](#)

[@DWPESEngland on Twitter](#)

[Skills Funding Agency Co-financing Organisation \(CFO\)](#)

[Ministry of Justice \(National Offender Management Service CFO\)](#)

[Department for Work and Pensions CFO](#)

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

[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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