

Welcome to this edition of the national European Social Fund Newsletter. From this issue, the newsletter is moving to an expanded format with longer (and often more) items as it becomes the principal channel for ESF in England news stories. This follows the (near complete) transition of national ESF website content to <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/european-social-fund-2007-to-2013> which for the time being at least restricts us from displaying news items.



## Cornwall Wise Awards 2014

The seventh Cornwall Works WISE awards ceremony took place on Friday May 9 (Europe Day) at the Headland Hotel, Newquay. The Cornwall Works WISE Awards are an annual celebration recognising excellence in employment and skills activity and innovation in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. They highlight the important role that the European Social Fund (at present through the ESF Convergence Programme) is playing in employment, skills and training and innovation across the area. The awards' keynote speakers were Dave Meneer, Director of Wolf Rock Marketing; Bev Hurley, CEO of YTKO, and Allyson Glover, Programme Director of the graduate placement programme 'Unlocking Potential'.

Esther McVey, Minister of State for Employment, who sent a message of support, said, "Congratulations to all the winners of this year's Cornwall Works WISE Awards – the stories of individual success and the contributions of the winning organisations serve as inspirations to us all. Investing in our workforce, supporting people into work and boosting their skills are a vital part of re-building our economy now and in the future."

[>>Cornwall Works Wise Awards 2014](#)



## Community Work Placements

The Community Work Placements commercial competition is now complete and delivery will start from May 2014 with final referrals being made in March 2016. In England, Community Work Placements will be part-funded by the European Social Fund, under DWP's co-financing agreements. Full information about the programme, including a list of suppliers, can be found by following the link below.

[>> Help to Work: nationwide drive to help the long-term unemployed into work](#)



## UK Partnership Agreement

The UK Partnership Agreement (PA) setting out how the 2014-2020 [European Structural and Investment Funds](#) are to be used, has been published on GOV.UK. . The submission of the UK PA on 17 April marks the beginning of a negotiation process between the UK government and the EC. An equality impact assessment has also been published.

[>>European Structural and Investment Funds: UK proposals](#)

## London Enterprise Panel Engagement Events, Summer 2014

Members of the London Enterprise Panel (LEP) will be holding events around London during June and July 2014 to provide an update on delivery of the LEP's Jobs & Growth Plan. The purpose of the events is to update businesses, local authorities, colleges and other stakeholders on what the LEP has achieved to date and what funding opportunities there are in the coming months. The first of these events takes place in Central London on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> June in Clerkenwell, and there are four more at other London localities.

[>>London Enterprise Panel Engagement Events, Summer 2014](#)



### EU Commissioner visits London Streetvibes centre

On Friday 16 May EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, Laszlo Andor along with Deputy Mayor for Business and Enterprise, Kit Malthouse, visited the Integr8 ESF funded project at the Streetvibes centre in London. The project, which is co-financed by the Greater London Authority and delivered by 3SC, is targeted at young people aged 14-16 who are considered to be most at risk of becoming

permanently excluded from school and becoming NEET. A video of the visit can be viewed on the European Commission website.

[>>Video: visit to Streetvibes centre in London](#)



### Adult Learners' Week Festival of Learning

The national annual Festival of Learning has arrived, which means throughout the whole of May through to Adult Learners' Week (14 - 20 June), organisations across the country are celebrating learning and the many benefits it brings whilst encouraging the nation to 'have a go!' Find out how your organisation can be

involved.

[>>Festival of Learning](#)

### A debate on older women in the labour market

The Age and Employment Network (TAEN) are hosting a debate on older women in the labour market in Committee Room 8, House of Commons, Westminster, on Monday 30 June. Sharon Hodgson MP, Shadow Spokesperson on Women, Families and Equality Issues, will be one of the speakers. The event is supported by ESF.

[>>TAEN event: a debate on older women in the labour market](#)

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## Helpful Links

[England ESF 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](#)

[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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