

Welcome to this special Skills Show 2014 edition of the national European Social Fund Newsletter.



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## ESF at The Skills Show 2014

The Skills Show, the nation's largest skills and careers event, provided inspiration and advice about future careers to almost 74,000 people at the NEC, Birmingham last week (13 to 15 November). The event provides an excellent opportunity to promote ESF to a wide audience and forms the core of our annual information activity this year. As part of an ESF Technical Assistance project, there were 23 stands where ESF funded training providers exhibited in an ESF zone.



Theo Paphitis (businessman and patron of The Skills Show) all spent time looking around the ESF exhibition area.

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## The ESF exhibition area

During a busy three days visitors to the ESF exhibition stands could try a wide range of hands-on experiences and receive expert guidance and advice about the employment related training and support that they offer for young people. The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) ESF Managing Authority had a stand to showcase the England programme and answer queries. Peter Stub Jorgensen and Dimtcho Tourdanov from the European Commission (Unit which includes responsibility for the England ESF Programme) and



## ESF Mainstreaming Leader Award winners 2014

The ESF Equal Opportunities and Sustainable Development Mainstreaming Leader Awards 2014 were presented at an award ceremony at The Skills Show by Peter Stub Jorgensen from the European Commission. The awards aim to give recognition to those projects that have excelled in promoting the themes of equality and sustainable development. Angus Gray, Head of DWP's ESF Division hosted the ceremony.



This year there were six award winners:

**Equal Opportunities Specialist Project Leader 2014**

**(JOINT WINNERS):** Achieve North West – Back on Track project; and Catalyst Housing Ltd – Women in Social Housing (WISH) project.

**ESF Gender Equality Leader 2014:** Achieve North West - Lancashire Women's Centre project.

**ESF Equal Opportunities Mainstreaming Leader (Policy and Plan) 2014:** Michaeljohn training School.

**ESF Sustainable Development Specialist Leader**

**(JOINT WINNERS):** Green Shoots Associates – HMP Dartmoor Enterprise Project; and SERCO - John Laing Training (One Service).

In addition one project –Medway Council's – Eco-Advantage project was highly commended. All seven projects gave brief presentations to explain how they are promoting and embedding the themes of equality and sustainable development in their activities.



**Photos from The Skills Show**

Almost 500 photos from the ESF Zone at The Skills Show, featuring ESF award winners and ESF project exhibitors can be viewed in the ESF photo album.

[>>ESF photo album](#)

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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](#)

[Big Lottery Fund](#)

[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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