

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

2014-2020 programme allocations

The Government has confirmed how the €6.2 billion England allocation of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the European Social Fund (ESF) will be allocated. ERDF, ESF and part of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) will be allocated to Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEP) areas for a seven year period through an EU Growth Programme. Further guidance will be published in July.

[>>new programme allocations](#)



Matchfit skills competition project

The Matchfit project uses skills competitions, hands on activities and information sessions to help motivate and continuously improve the skills of students and employees, bringing their talents to life. Covering many sectors Matchfit aims to inspire and embed a skills competition ethos within education and employment across Yorkshire and the Humber and potentially wider areas. The project has grown steadily and has also linked effectively with The Skills Show – the UK's

largest skills and careers event, which this year is taking place at the NEC Birmingham in November. The Skills Show also funds local level skills awareness sessions for young people that Matchfit has taken part in.

[>>Matchfit project](#)

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Newquay Aeronautical Engineering Apprentices

An aeronautical engineering apprenticeship course supported by ESF Convergence and the Skills Funding Agency has produced its first group of graduates. After completing a two year course at Newquay Cornwall Airport and the Cotswolds Airport training centre the graduates are all now in work with aviation maintenance companies in Cornwall and elsewhere in the UK and Europe.

[>>Newquay Aeronautical Engineering Apprentices](#)

EU funds consultation summary

At the end of 2012 over 1,000 people took part in 12 consultative 'roadshow' events across England on the government's proposed approach to delivering the EU funds in the 2014-2020. A summary note of feedback from the events has now been published.

[>>Summary of feedback from consultative events](#)

London Directory of ESF Skills and Employment Services

The London Directory of ESF Skills and Employment Services is closing down. The Directory, which provides a single point of access to information on ESF funded skills and employment services across London will remain live until the end of August 2013.

[>>London Directory of ESF Skills and Employment Services](#)

Helpful Links

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

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