

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



## ESF Improving people's lives booklet 2013-2014

The new booklet, 'European Social Fund in England – Improving people's lives 2013-2014' is now published. The booklet explains how the £2.5 billion 2007-2013 ESF programme is making real and sustained changes to the lives of unemployed and disadvantaged people, and looks forward to the next round of ESF funding from 2014-2020. The online version can be viewed and downloaded from the ESF website. Paper versions of the booklet can be obtained free of charge from the Department for Work and Pensions [ESF Team](#).

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## ESF Twitter account launched

The ESF managing Authority now has its own dedicated Twitter feed, @DWPESFEngland, which is now tweeting the latest news from the ESF Programme in England. We will also be following as many stakeholders as we can (including ESF funded organisations and partners across Government) to help us keep up with all the activity that is going on in preparation for the 2014-2020 European Structural Investment Funds programme, as well as news from the current programme.

Follow us!

[>>DWP ESF England on Twitter](#)



## Multi million pound boat contracts for designer

Young boat designer Henry Ward has recently sold plans for a new luxury speed yacht in France and Asia. Henry's career was kick started after he graduated in Transport Design from the University of Huddersfield and soon after began work for Cockwell's Boatyard, in Mylor, Cornwall, under the Unlocking Potential scheme. Unlocking Potential receives ESF (European Social Fund) Convergence investment to help SMEs (small and medium sized enterprises) in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly to employ graduates.

[>>Multi million pound boat contracts for designer](#)

## Community Grant funding in Enfield

London Councils CFO are currently inviting local voluntary and community groups to apply for Community Grants in the London Borough of Enfield. £187,000 of funding is available to deliver employment and skills activities to disadvantaged people. The deadline for applications is 12 noon on the 10th October 2013.

[>> London Borough of Enfield Community Grants Funding 2013-14](#)



## Success for Secret Fridays

An innovative pilot project in Liskeard, Cornwall is enabling young people with difficult backgrounds to gain confidence and skills through helping to organise major monthly events. Since the project started in May, 14 young people have benefited from taking part, with four going into employment and others planning to go to college this month. As well as receiving basic employability skills training, the project creates potential employment routes for participants by

working in partnership with local traders. Activities so far include a puppet show, film events and a Pirate trail and Pirate party.

[>>Success for Secret Fridays](#)

## **Helpful Links**

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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](#)

[Cornwall Works](#)

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

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

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