# **ESF Newsletter**

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

### The Skills Show Experience: forthcoming local events



During October and November over 30 The Skills Show Experience events are taking place across the country. The events are inspiring young people through hands-on learning experiences and access to careers advice on offer both from local employers and the National Careers Service. Some of the larger events coming up are in Bristol (2 October),

Thames Valley (Ascot Racecourse on 14 October) and Suffolk (22 October) which expects to attract around 4000 young people. The events are supported by the ESF and details of all events are on the Skills Show website.

- >>The Skills Show: Events near you
- >> Bristol Skills Show Experience
- >>Suffolk Skills Show
- >>Thames Valley Skills Show Experience

### Support for families with multiple problems: statistics published

The Department for Work and Pensions has published statistics on GOV.UK for the ESF support for families with multiple problems provision, from December 2011 to July 2014. The programme supports disadvantaged families, facing multiple barriers to work, to move closer towards and into sustainable employment. The main figures for the period show there were 56,160 attachments (individual participants), with 48,190 progress measures achieved by 22,840 participants and 2,810 sustained job outcomes.

>>ESF support for families with multiple problems: Dec 2011 to July 2014



## **Europe in my Region/City local events**

'Europe in my Region/City' is the label for hundreds of events held annually, since 2006, all over Europe. This year some 250 local events are being organised during September to November, including a number in the UK. Details are accessible from an interactive map.

The events are run in connection with the Brussels-based European Week of Regions and Cities – OPEN Days which this year runs from 6-9 October. This is an annual four-day event during which European cities and regions showcase their capacity to create growth and jobs. Registration for the Brussels events are now closed.

>> European Week of Regions and Cities - local events

## Workplace training for SMEs in Coventry and Warwickshire



The Pera Training HaveYourSlice bus is wheeling its way to a number of industrial estates in the Coventry and Warwickshire area to publicise the wide range of fully-funded training now available through the Skills Funding Agency ESF co-financed Skills Support for the Workplace programme. Offering a free slice of cake to

each visitor, the bus will be arriving at a different location each day to give advice to businesses on how they can help them develop their teams, stimulate growth, and improve efficiency. The visits take place between 6-10 October and the training is open to SME businesses of up to 250

>>Have your slice of fully-funded training



#### **National award shortlist for Active Plus**

Active Plus, the Cornwall project which offers training and skills and confidence building delivered by military veterans, has been shortlisted in the national Military and Civilian Health Partnership Awards which are jointly organised by the Ministry of Defence and the Department of Health. The awards will be presented in November at an event in Whittington Barracks, Staffordshire.

>>National award shortlist for Active Plus

# **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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