

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



## **Last call for ESF Leader Award nominations**

ESF projects have until Friday 22 August 2014 to make a nomination for an ESF Mainstreaming Leader Award. The awards aim to promote equal opportunities and sustainable development by sharing the award winners' good practice with other partners. Awards will be presented at The Skills Show national event in Birmingham in November.

[>>Apply Now - ESF Equal Opportunities and Sustainable Development](#)

[Mainstreaming Leader Awards 2014](#)

## **2014-2020 programme: developments over the last month**

The July 2014 Partner Update for the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) Growth Programme has now been published, providing news of the latest developments of the programme in the last month. These include: LEP activities, final amendments to the UK Partnership Agreement, progress with ESF and other structural fund (ERDF and EAFRD) Operational Programmes, and other programme developments.

[>>ESIF Growth Programme for England 2014 to 2020: Partner Update](#)

## **ERDF Operational Programme**

Following the public consultation on the draft Operational Programme for the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), a Government response to the consultation has now been published on the GOV.UK website, along with the draft Operational Programme (now submitted to the European Commission), and an Executive Summary. The ERDF and ESF funding streams are coming together as part of the 2014 to 2020 European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme in England.

The draft ESF Operational Programme has been submitted to the European Commission and is expected to be published on the GOV.UK website shortly. The Government response to the public consultation on the England ESF programme will also be published on GOV.UK.

[>>European Regional Development Fund Operational Programme 2014 to 2020](#)



## **NOMS CFO provision for the 2014-2020 programme**

National Offender Management Service (NOMS) Co-financing Organisation (CFO) provision for the ESF 2014-2020 programme is progressing since the initial Tentative Contract Notice to appoint prime providers was published in April. Expressions of Interest from organisations to participate in the forthcoming tender (late summer 2014) are now listed on the NOMS CFO website. Other information,

including presentations from three market engagement events in June, is also available on their site.

[>>NOMS CFO provision for the European Social Fund \(ESF\) 2014-2020 Operational Programme](#)



## **Expert training on offer to volunteers**

Penwith Community Development Trust (PCDT) is now offering courses for volunteers, many accredited, on subjects including youth work, working with offenders and volunteer management. The courses, which are ESF co-financed by the Skills Funding Agency, aim to make the voluntary sector in Cornwall stronger and more efficient.

[>>Expert training on offer to volunteers](#)

## Participants sought for 50+ case studies and videos



As part of its ESF Technical Assistance project The Age and Employment Network (TAEN) has commissioned '50+ Lives', a series of video case studies and short films which present the individual experiences of older workers. The first of these, Still Working, is on the TAEN website, and participants are sought for two more case studies around the themes of Seeking Work and Active Ageing. Anyone wishing to take part should contact [joy.white@taen.org.uk](mailto:joy.white@taen.org.uk).

[>>Still Working](#)

[>>Showcasing 50+ lives](#)

## TAEN/LSE seminar on Fuller Working Lives

A TAEN / London School of Economics seminar on Fuller Working Lives is taking place on Tuesday 23 September (2 - 5 pm) in London. Speakers include John Macnicol (LSE), Chris Ball (TAEN) and Lis Robinson (DWP), who will present the Fuller Working Lives Policy and respond to discussion and questions. If you wish to present a research paper then please email your proposal to [chris.ball@taen.org.uk](mailto:chris.ball@taen.org.uk) by 16 September. If you wish to attend the seminar please email [joy.white@taen.org.uk](mailto:joy.white@taen.org.uk).

[>>TAEN/ LSE Seminar on Fuller Working Lives](#)

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## Helpful Links

[England ESF programme national website](#)

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[@esif1420england on Twitter](#)

[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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