

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



## ESF Mainstreaming Leader Awards 2014

Nominations are now invited from ESF project providers and sub-contractors for the ESF Equal Opportunities and Sustainable Development Mainstreaming Leader Awards 2014. The awards, which began in 2010, aim to give recognition to those projects that have excelled in promoting the themes of gender equality, equal opportunities and sustainable development. The awards will be presented at The Skills

Show at the Birmingham NEC in November where the award winners' good practice in embedding (or mainstreaming) the themes of equality and sustainability in the delivery of their projects will be shared with other ESF partners. The closing date for award nominations is 22 August 2014.

[>>ESF Equal Opportunities and Sustainable Development Mainstreaming Leader Awards 2014](#)



## Bad Boys' Bakery

The Bad Boys' Bakery is a working bakery located in Brixton prison. It is run by Working Links and co-financed by NOMS CFO and the ESF. So far, more than 60 people with convictions have been through the 12 week course, which offers on the job training and other support and continues post release. Only 3% of participants have gone on to re-offend within a year of being released from custody, significantly lower

than the national average of 47%. The project won the European Social Fund National Project Award at the Adult Learners' Week 2014 National Awards in June.

[>>Helping prisoners find work and reducing re-offending: Bad Boys' Bakery](#)



## Me & My Learning Service launch event

On 8 July 2014 Melton Borough Council and their partners launched the new Me & My Learning Service in Melton Mowbray with an event for stakeholders and partners to publicise the aims of the project, and to enjoy an ESF branded celebratory cake. The project is one of a group of Local Authority Led Pilots testing elements of Local Support Services for

Universal Credit. It enables vulnerable residents in Melton Mowbray to access training, skills and courses within a facility that accommodates their needs and maximises their chances of becoming digitally, financially and socially independent. More information about this and other Local Authority Led Pilots can be found in the special edition June Newsletter.

[>>ESF Newsletter: Special edition - June 2014](#)



## Wild Café staff get training

Employees at a longstanding, family run hotel have benefitted from new Convergence supported training including catering for special diets and cooking healthier foods. NfET (Newquay for Excellence Training) designed a bespoke course for staff at the Wild Café at the Bedruthan Hotel and Spa, at Mawgan Porth. The whole kitchen team underwent a wide range of

training including special diets and cooking healthier foods training. The Competitive Edge – Confident Kitchen Services' was delivered via Skills Support for the Workforce (SSW). Cornwall College leads SSW, which offers tailored training to people in the workplace and receives £13 million of ESF Convergence co financed by the Skills Funding Agency.

[>>Healthy food training at the Wild Cafe](#)

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## 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 - European Programmes Management Unit - ESF pages](#)

[Inspiring Work: Cornwall and the South West](#)

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

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[The National Council for Voluntary Organisations - NCVO](#)

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