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

## England ESIF 2014-2020 programme



The first ESF calls for the England ESIF 2014-2020 programme are going live during week commencing Monday 23 March and are being made available on the GOV.UK ESIF pages. Organisations seeking ESF funding can find out more about programme priorities and apply for investment. Related promotional activities including ESIF on Twitter will take place throughout the week. More ESF funding calls will be published in the months ahead. We will keep you posted on the timing of these.

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## Perfect soil for Eden developed



Research to develop a perfect, artificial soil for the Eden Project has just been completed with results helping the world famous visitor attraction to save money and be even more environmentally sustainable. It is hoped the research will also have wider applications providing ideas for local communities faced with the challenge of how to generate sustainable soil while reusing scarce mineral resources. The work by Kate Schofield, a Plymouth University PhD student, was supported by ESF (European Social Fund) Convergence via the Combined Universities in Cornwall Research Project.

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## Active Plus Runners up at national awards



Active Plus – the social enterprise where military veterans offer training, work skills and confidence building – has come runner up at the Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) England Awards 2015. The award was presented at a ceremony at the House of Lords. The MHFA England awards identify examples of excellent projects and individuals, acknowledging innovation and high performance in raising mental health literacy across England. In the UK, one in four people will experience mental ill health and MHFA is a practical way that people can use to support those who are affected.

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## **Accessible Britain Challenge**

An ESF funded project is included on the Accessible Britain challenge list of good practice examples. The K9 project, which uses dogs to create easy access learning opportunities for some of the most vulnerable people in Cambridgeshire, is included in the Education and Employment section.

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## **Helpful links**

[England ESF programme national website](#)

[England ESIF 2014-2020 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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