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Summary and Action

Nominations for the 2014 Adult Learners' Week (ALW) will close on Thursday 30 January 2014.

This memo is to encourage you to consider any potential participants or projects for an ALW award from your ESF Families provision, if you have not already done so.

Background

Adult Learners' Week (ALW) is run by the National Institute for Adult Continuing Education (NIACE). It is a high profile outreach campaign that aims to increase awareness of, and participation in, learning amongst adults.

With particular focus on engaging the most disadvantaged groups, ALW celebrates the achievements of Learners' who have overcome adversity and are an inspiration to others.

ALW is sponsored by a number of organisations and receives some ESF Technical Assistance funding to help publicise ESF provision.

Individuals from ESF Families provision as well as ESF projects, who have benefited from ESF, can be nominated for an ESF or thematic award, for example around learning with a family or community. Tutors, colleagues, friends and family members can also nominate participants and projects.

National ESF awards are for the following categories:

- ESF Young Adult Learner of the Year (age 18-25)
- ESF Outstanding Individual Learner of the Year
- ESF Inspiring Learning Project of the Year

Local ESF awards are for the following:

- ESF Individual Awards (Up to 10 individual learner awards presented to candidates from across the country)
- ESF Project Awards (Up to 10 project awards presented to projects from across the country).

Nominating an outstanding learner is likely to boost their self-confidence and can potentially turn them into a role model that will inspire others back into learning. Everyone who is nominated will receive a certificate of achievement in recognition of their learning.

Award winners will be invited to regional or national awards ceremonies where each will receive a learning voucher valued between £200 and £1,000 as well as a certificate of award.

Winners' stories are also publicised in national and local media, which will help to promote the work of your ESF Families provision and the impact of ESF funded opportunities. Examples of previous winners' stories can be found [here](#).

Further Information and Contact Details

The closing date for all award nomination entries is 5pm on Thursday 30 January 2014.

Information on the nomination process including forms, guidance notes and eligibility criteria can be found on the ALW website under each category. Nomination forms can be completed online or by completing the downloadable form.

Your Performance Manager and ESF Manager are also aware of Adult Learners' Week and you may wish to discuss ideas on how to draft the content for your nomination form with them.

Regards

European Social Fund Communications Team