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## European Social Fund Provider Memo

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**From:** DWP Change, Policy and Planning Division

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**Subject:** Nominations for Adult Learners' Week

**Action:** Information and possible action -  
Please also cascade to your suppliers.

**Timing:** Immediate

### Summary and Action

Nominations for the 2015 Adult Learners Week awards are now open:  
<http://www.alw.org.uk/>

This memo is to encourage you to consider any potential participants or projects for an ALW award from your ESF Families provision (European Social Fund Support for Families with Multiple Problems).

### Background

Adult Learners' Week (ALW) is run by the National Institute for Adults 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.

Individuals who have benefitted from ESF funded provision and projects, can be nominated for an award, for example around learning with an individual, family or community. Tutors, colleagues, friends and family members can also nominate participants and projects.

There are national and regional ESF awards which include:

- ESF National Young Adult Learner of the year (age 18-25)
- ESF National & Regional Individual Learner of the Year
- ESF National & Regional Project of the Year



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Everyone who is nominated will receive a certificate of achievement in recognition of their learning.

Award winners will be invited to sub-national 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 would help promote the work of your Families provision and the impact of ESF funded opportunities. Examples of previous winners' stories can be found on the Adult Learners' Week website <http://www.alw.org.uk/winners-stories> Please note: Match funded provision cannot be included.

### **Further Information and Contact Details**

The closing date for nominations is **Wednesday 17 December 2014**. Winners will be invited to an awards ceremony during Adult Learners Week 13 to 19 June 2015.

Step by step guidance on eligibility and completing your nomination form is available on the Adult Learners' Week website – [Eligibility](#)

The scoring criteria will be marked on such things as:

- Effort and achievement
- Exceptional/Inspirational qualities
- Wider benefits
- Media Interest
- Their 'adult' experience

Nomination forms can be completed online at [www.alw.org.uk/nominate](http://www.alw.org.uk/nominate) or by completing a downloadable nomination form and returning it to [alwnominations@niace.org.uk](mailto:alwnominations@niace.org.uk)

If you have any specific queries regarding the nomination process, you can call NIACE on 0116 204 42001/1 or e-mail NIACE at [alw@niace.org.uk](mailto:alw@niace.org.uk)

Your ESF Manager is also aware of the Adult Learners' Week and you might wish to discuss ideas or how to go about drafting the content of your nomination form with them?

Regards  
European Social Fund Communications Team

