



2014 to 2020 European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme

Call for Proposals European Social Fund

Priority Axis 2: Skills for Growth

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1. Call Context

The 2014 to 2020 European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) bring the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), European Social Fund (ESF) and part of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) together into a single European Union (EU) Structural Investment Funds (ESIF) Growth Programme for England supporting the key growth priorities of innovation, research and development, support for Small and Medium Enterprises (SME), low carbon, skills, employment, and social inclusion.

European Structural and Investment Funds are managed by the Department for Communities and Government (ERDF), Department for Work and Pensions (ESF) and the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (EAFRD). In London, the Greater London Authority acts as an Intermediate Body for the European Regional Development Fund and European Social Fund programmes. Unless stated otherwise, the term "Managing Authority" will apply to all these organisations. These Departments are the Managing Authorities for each Fund. The Managing Authorities work closely with local partners who provide:

- Practical advice and information to the Managing Authorities to assist in the preparation of local plans that contribute towards Operational Programme priorities and targets;
- Local intelligence to the Managing Authorities in the development of project calls (decided by the Managing Authorities) that reflect Operational Programme and local development needs as well as match funding opportunities;
- Advice on local economic growth conditions and opportunities within the context of Operational Programmes and the local ESIF Strategy to aid the Managing Authority's assessments at Full and full application stage.

This call is issued by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to commission ESF Funded projects that will support the Priority Axis 2 of the Operational Programme: Skills for Growth and Investment Priority: 2.1 Enhancing equal access to lifelong learning as set out in the Operational Programme.

All applications will need to be eligible under the European Social Fund Operational Programme for England 2014 to 2020. The <u>ESF Operational Programme</u> is available for applicants to read.

This call for proposals sets out the requirements for any applicants to consider before applying. Applications against this call will be assessed as part of an appraisal process and successful applicants will enter into a funding agreement with the DWP. Further information is given in sections 4 to 10.

Applicants are advised to familiarise themselves with the detail of the Operational Programme, local European Structural and Investment Funds Strategy and the relevant documentation listed in sections 5 through to 8 *prior to* submitting a Full Application.

All ESF applicants will need to be aware of the requirement to collect and report data on all participants as per Annex 1 (see Appendix A). This will be as well as the requirement of reporting on output and result indicators referred to in section 3 of the call for proposal.

1.1 National Context

This priority axis aims to support skills for growth. It will support activities through:

Investment priority: 2.1 - Enhancing equal access to lifelong learning for all age groups in formal, non formal and informal settings, upgrading the knowledge, skills and competences of the workforce, and promoting flexible learning pathways including through career guidance and validation of acquired competences

ESF will not fund activity that duplicates or cuts across national policy on grants and loans for tuition for skills activities. Exemptions to this principle will be considered only where a local specific need and/or market failure has been demonstrated and where the activity falls within the scope of the Operational Programme.

Full details of what can and cannot be supported under this Investment Priority are set out in the Operational Programme. Details of the specific objectives have been reproduced below.

Specific Objective	Results that the Member States seek to achieve with Union support
To increase the number of people with technical and job specific skills, particularly at level 3 and above and into higher and advanced level apprenticeships, to support business growth.	The main result that will be achieved is that more participants will have gained a qualification or a unit of qualification. This investment priority will also support business growth through the development of a more highly skilled workforce. We have set a result target for participants gaining qualifications or units at level 3 or above.
To increase the skills levels of employed women to encourage progression in employment and help address the gender employment and wage gap.	The additional support from this investment priority will support women in raising the level of their skills, helping them to progress in employment or self-employment and achieve higher earnings. There is a result target about progression in work. This investment priority will also contribute to supporting business growth through the development of a more highly skilled workforce.

1.2 Local Development Need

Projects must deliver activity which directly contributes to the objectives of Priority Axis 2, Investment Priority 2.1 of the Operational Programme, and which meets the **local development need** expressed in the text and table below.

Call outline

The Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Enterprise Partnership Strategic Economic Plan aims to grow the economy by 50% and generate 50,000 new jobs over 10 years to 2021 (50:50:10).

Securing a well-qualified and adaptable workforce with the skills sets appropriate to the needs of existing business sectors, as well as those in which there are aspirations for economic growth, is a fundamental priority for the LEP's economic development as it is widely acknowledged that there is a direct correlation between skills, productivity and employment.

In the year to December 2017 within the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire LEP area, 51.6% of residents were qualified to NVQ 3 and above compared to 57.2% nationally. This gap is further exaggerated with only 30.6% of residents who held NVQ 4 and above qualifications compared to 38.6% nationally.

In parts of the SSLEP area, particularly the north, there exist considerable socioeconomic challenges, which present barriers to economic growth and have implications for levels of social and community inclusion.

In urban areas, challenges are multi-faceted, with the potential for economic growth constrained by a historic reliance on lower value manufacturing activities, challenges regarding the delivery of new sites and infrastructure and complex labour market challenges, including low skills levels and concentrations of worklessness and deprivation.

In rural areas there are pockets of deprivation where the economic structure tends to be less growth orientated, with a higher than average dependence on sectors such as agriculture and related land based activities and tourism.

While the geography is varied many of the issues that business and communities face are similar, and central to these is the LEP objective of ensuring a skilled workforce, a balanced supply of people with the right skills and know-how required to drive economic growth.

In particular this call is to address the challenges outlined below:

- A need to address skills gaps for leadership and management training for those
 who are currently in this type of role without receiving the appropriate training or
 those that have aspirations to progress into these roles, and other higher skills
 training in sectors where the average skill levels of the workforce are low.
- Identifying ways to improve access to science and technology skills, potentially by creating a centre of excellence in one of the SSLEP key sectors.
- Establishing ways to develop a culture of enterprise and entrepreneurialism
 which should be linked to the retention of graduates in the city and the county;
 the provision of support must impact positively on both enterprise rates and
 labour market skill levels, especially Level 4 and above.
- Activity within this call must contribute to replacement and growth demand, for higher level skills, particularly within the SSLEP key sectors where international competition means that sustained growth relies on increased productivity and innovation and therefore will need a workforce with Level 4 and above skills in the future.

- Addressing wider participation and progression within work issues, through activity that increases the number of employed women gaining higher level skills in STEM subjects, particularly activity which focusses on increasing the number of higher apprenticeship starts in the area.
- Identifying barriers that those in work may experience which prevents them from raising their skill levels, and putting in place support activity which will increase the number of people starting Level 4 qualifications, specifically those from ethnic minorities, those with disabilities and those who are in a single adult household with dependent children. Up-skilling can be achieved through professional and technical education including higher degree level apprenticeships and/or the academic route.

Local priorities

Although on a national level this investment priority seeks to offer support to individuals to progress their skills at all levels, this call is aimed specifically at increasing skills to level 4 and above.

Therefore this call aims to address shortfalls in existing provision and is seeking applications that can demonstrate value for money and which will support activities including but not exclusively:

- Employer/demand led flexible solutions to address higher level skills needs in skills gap areas such as for those new to leadership and management positions, especially in SMEs.
- Innovative solutions which increase participation in Level 4 and above learning, especially in STEM subjects and in sector specific areas with higher levels skill shortages.
- Link students and graduates to industry with the aim of retaining higher level skilled people in the area, in particular creating opportunities for students and graduates to engage with SMEs and supporting capacity of SMEs to innovate. This could also include employability modules / programmes (which compliments core provision) for under-graduates, graduates and/or those recently securing employment in SMEs, e.g. building team-working, communication and problem-solving skills
- Provide enhancements to existing information, advice and guidance provision
 which is specifically focussed on employment opportunities in relation to gaining
 and developing higher level skills, including the promotion of higher level
 apprenticeships as a route to progressing in work or following a career path.
- Provide activities which increase access to and participation in, higher education provision including higher apprenticeships, particularly for disadvantaged individuals in under-represented groups
- Development of innovative access routes to higher level learning, including modular and bespoke courses, e-learning, flexible, blended delivery to increase

skills levels in relation to new technologies, and production methods, and/or to respond to restructuring / diversification in key sectors

- Employer/demand led training solutions to support effective HR practices for workforce development, including progression in work, succession planning and encouraging workplace diversity.
- Employer/demand led training and development to enhance and increase employees' current skills levels, especially at Level 4 and above. Also high level learning that supports their capacity and knowledge and which will effectively help to identify and access new international markets and customers as part of a business strategy.

Details of the local ESIF Strategy can be found at: StokeStaffsLEP

Applications are encouraged from consortia or other similar types of partnership arrangements. In each such case the application must be submitted by a lead organisation on behalf of the partnership/consortia and the lead applicant must have the financial capacity to meet the required Due Diligence criteria.

1.3 Scope of activity

This call invites Full Applications which support the delivery of Priority Axis 2, **Investment Priority 2.1 Enhancing equal access to lifelong learning** of the European Social Fund Operational Programme and responds to the local development need set out in the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Local Enterprise Partnership Area European Structural and Investment Funds Strategy.

This call aims to address the identified shortfalls listed in section 1.2 Local Development Need above.

2. Call Requirements

All applications are competitive.

Indicative Fund Allocation:	Indicatively, through this call the Managing Authority expects to allocate approximately £5,000,000 ESF	
	The Managing Authority reserves the right to decrease or increase the indicative allocation, or support more or fewer projects subject to the volume and quality of proposals received.	
	There should be a clear audit trail of how this has been determined and the evidence behind it. This would not actually be referenced in the Call, but the justification is required by the moderator. The LEP Lead will have discussed this with the LEP.	

Minimum application level	European Social Fund investment is intended to make a significant impact on local growth. Applications are expected to demonstrate appropriate scale and impact.
	The Managing Authority does not intend to allocate less than £1,000,000 of European Social Funding to any single project.
	Applications requesting an ESF amount below the 'Minimum Application Level' will be rejected
	In order to ensure that a range of activity is supported, it is envisaged that multiple projects will be funded.
Duration of project	Projects should be for a maximum of three years;
approvals	however the Managing Authority reserves the right to vary the maximum duration in exceptional circumstances.
Geographical Scope	All interventions should be focused on activity and beneficiaries within the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Local Enterprise Partnership area.
Specific call	This is a call for ESF activity.
requirements	
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Call Deadlines	For this specific call, applications will be assessed following closure of the call. Applications received after the published call close date will not be considered.
Application selection	All applications will be scored in line with the ESF scoring criteria, but the MA reserve the right to invite projects to full application stage where they complement other activity or provide niche activity to target groups within the OP.
Applicant proposals	These can only contain activities which are eligible for ESF.
Eligible match funding	Applicants will need to have eligible match funding for the balance of costs, which must be from a source other than the European Union. At full application stage the applicant will need to provide information to demonstrate that the operation is likely to have the required level of match funding in place at the point of formal approval.
Operational completion	Operations must be completed no later than 3 years and 6 months after the proposed start date.
Procurement	All procurement must be undertaken in line with EU regulations.
State Aid law	Applicants must demonstrate compliance with State Aid law.
Audit/ Compliance	All expenditure and activities will be subject to rigorous audit and non-compliance may lead to financial penalty.

Calls listing multiple	The applicant is required to list each activity they plan to	
activity (delete if not	deliver, supported by a clear breakdown of costs.	
appropriate)	Expected outputs and results per activity should be	
	provided.	

ESF cannot be used to duplicate existing activities or activities that do not address market failure. ESF can only be used to achieve additional activity or bring forward activity more quickly. Applicants must be able to demonstrate that proposals are additional to activity that would have occurred anyway or enables activity to be brought forward and delivered more quickly than otherwise would be the case in response to opportunity or demand.

3. Deliverables required under this Call:

Applications will be expected to achieve the minimum indicative level of Programme Deliverables by contributing to the following Investment Priority. The definitions of which can be accessed at the <u>ESF Operational Programme</u>.

Investment Priority	2.1 Enhancing equal access to lifelong learning
Specific Objectives	Enhancing equal access to lifelong learning for all age groups in formal, non-formal and informal settings, upgrading the knowledge, skills and competences of the workforce, and promoting flexible learning pathways including through career guidance and validation of acquired competences.
Indicative Actions	 ESF will not support activities that duplicate or replace existing support within national programmes, but may be used to support additional activities or target groups, including provision codesigned with local partners. Examples of activities that may be supported include: skills shortages or needs at level 4 and above in STEM and other key sectors which are not currently being addressed by employers or individuals; leadership and management training in Small and Medium size Enterprises (up to 250 employees); training and support for people at level 4 and above, in particular addressing the needs of disadvantaged groups in the workplace; access to learning; information about learning and skills and career progression targeted at level 4 and above; brokerage of opportunities between learners and employers.

ID	Result Indicator	Minimum Target value for this call
R7	Participants gaining level 3 or above or a unit of a level 3 or above qualification	8%, although the LEP would like to see 50% and this result more targeted to level 4 and above
R8	Employed females gaining improved labour market status	35%

ID	Output Indicator	Total Minimum target value for this call	Men minimum target value	Women minimum target value
01	Participants	6204	3454	2750
O4	Participants over 50 years of age	1250	-	-
O5	Participants from ethnic minorities	500	-	-
ESF - CO16	Participants with disabilities	400	-	-
ESF - CO14	Participants who live in a single adult household with dependent children	250	-	-

Applicants will be required to demonstrate how they will achieve the deliverables within their proposal along with any methodology that will be used to record achievement. Applicants will also need to ensure robust systems are in place, and be able to describe them, to capture and record the targets and to report quantitative and qualitative performance across the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire LEP area. All operations will be required to collect data and report progress against the deliverables with each claim. Where an operation underperforms against their deliverables they may be subject to a performance penalty.

There must be a fully evidenced audit trail for all contracted deliverables.

4. General Information

Essential information to support the drafting of an application and delivery of a successful ESF funded project is available at the <u>European Growth Funding</u> website pages.

4.1 Compliance and Eligibility

When developing an application, Applicants should refer to <u>guidance</u> on eligible Applicants, activities and costs. These are for guidance only and Applicants should take their own specialist advice if in doubt. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure that the rules and guidance are adhered to both at application stage and following approval.

ESIFs are governed by European regulations and national rules. Applicants are advised to familiarise themselves with the relevant documentation listed in the 'key documents' section prior to submitting a Full application. If successful, Applicants will enter into the standard Funding Agreement and must abide by the standard terms and conditions contained therein. Applicants are therefore strongly advised to read these terms and conditions to ensure that they would be able to enter into such an agreement prior to responding to the call. Once a Funding Agreement has been issued it should be signed and returned within a short timescale.

4.2 Intervention Rate & Match Funding

ESF is funding used where no other funding can be obtained (the funder of last resort) and the maximum ESF intervention rate for the operation is 60%. This means ESF can contribute <u>up to 60%</u>% of the total eligible project costs, subject to State Aid regulations. The remaining 40% or more must come from other eligible sources. For all full applications, the applicant will need to provide information to demonstrate that the operation is likely to have the required level of match funding in place at the point of formal approval.

ESF is not paid in advance and expenditure must be defrayed prior to the submission of any claims. Applicants may be asked to demonstrate how they are able to cash flow the operation.

4.3 Applicants

Applicants must be legally constituted at the point of signing a Funding Agreement, and be able to enter into a legally binding Funding Agreement. The Applicant will be the organisation that, if the application is successful, enters into a contract for ESF and therefore carries the liability for ensuring that the terms of the ESF Funding Agreement are met by them and to all delivery partners. If there is more than one organisation applying for the funds, a lead organisation must be selected to become the Applicant. It is this organisation that carries the responsibility and liability for carrying out a compliant project.

The Managing Authority will consider the Applicant's track record, both positive and negative. If the Applicant has been involved in the delivery of previous European grants and any irregularities with this (these) grant(s) have been identified, the Managing Authority will look into these and expect to see how and what steps have been taken to ensure that these have been addressed to mitigate the risk of further irregularities in the future. It is acknowledged that some organisations will be new to ESIF funding and will not have a track record.

4.4 Cross Cutting Themes

All applications received under this Call should demonstrate how the Cross Cutting Themes have been addressed in the project design and development. Cross cutting themes for ESF are 'gender equality and equal opportunities' and 'sustainable development'.

For ESF, the project applicants will be required to deliver their services in-line with the Public Sector Equality Duty (as defined in the Equality Act 2010). All projects must have a gender and equal opportunities policy and implementation plan which will be submitted at full application stage and in-line with Managing Authority guidance. Project applicants will also be required to answer a number of ESF-specific equality questions which will be set out in both the full application form and the related guidance.

For ESF, all projects will also be required to submit a sustainable development policy and implementation plan (in-line with guidance produced by the Managing Authority).

The ESF programme particularly welcomes projects that have an environmental focus that can meet the strategic fit at local and programme level whilst also adding value by:

- supporting environmental sustainability; and/ or
- complementing the environmental thematic objectives of other programmes such as ERDF; and/or
- using the environment as a resource to help motivate disadvantaged people

Further information is available in the ESF Operational Programme.

4.5 State Aid & Revenue Generation

Applicants are required, in the Full Application, to provide a view on how their proposal complies with State Aid law. Applicants must ensure that projects comply with the law on State Aid. Grant funding to any economic undertaking which is state aid can only be awarded if it is compatible aid, in that it complies with the terms of a notified scheme or is covered by the De Minimis Regulation. Guidance for grant recipients, explaining more about State Aid, is available; it is important that Applicants take responsibility for understanding the importance of the State Aid rules and securing their full compliance with them throughout the project, if it is selected into the Programme.

¹ Article 107(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union provides that: "Save as otherwise provided in the Treaties, any aid granted by a Member State or through state resources in any form whatsoever which distorts or threatens to distort competition by favouring certain undertakings or the production of certain goods shall, in so far as it affects trade between Member States, be incompatible with the internal market."

The Managing Authority is not able to give legal advice on State Aid. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure that the operation is State Aid compliant.

Where the Applicant does not perceive that there is any State Aid, it should state whether or not it considers Articles 61 and 65(8) of regulation 1303/2013 to apply. This revenue should be taken into account in calculating eligible expenditure. Article 61 refers to monitoring revenues generated after completion of the project, and Article 65(8) how to deal with differences in the forecast and actual revenues at the end of the operation. The details of this will be tested at the full application stage.

4.6 Funding Agreement

The Funding Agreement is a standard, non-negotiable and legally binding document. Any successful Applicant will be subject to the terms and conditions contained within this agreement. Applicants are strongly advised to seek their own advice to ensure that they would be able to enter into and abide by the terms of the Funding Agreement.

Failure to meet any of the conditions of the agreement or the commitments within the application will result in claw back of funding.

Applicants should be aware that additional provisions and securities may be included within the Funding Agreement to protect the investment. These will be further discussed if relevant following the Full Application stage.

4.7 Procurement

All costs delivered by the Grant Recipient (the applicant) and/or delivery partners must be delivered on an actual cost basis. Other costs must be procured in line with EU regulations. The most common error identified during audit has been failure to comply with relevant procurement regulations and crucially to maintain a full audit trail to prove that they have complied with the relevant regulation. Robust and transparent procurement is required to ensure that Grant Recipients:

- consider value for money;
- maximise efficient use of public money; and
- maintain competitiveness and fairness across the European Union.

It is recommended that applicants seek their own legal advice pertaining to their procurement and requirements to publicise any tendering opportunities.

The Managing Authority is not able to give legal advice on procurement. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the project is compliant in this respect.

5. Application Process & Prioritisation Methodology

There is one stage to this ESF application process; Full Application. Applicants must fully complete the Full Application Form (section 9 refers). Guidance is available on the European Growth Funding website pages. Applications will be subject to a Gateway Assessment undertaken by the Managing Authority under the following criteria:

Applicant eligibility;

- Activity and expenditure eligibility; and
- The fit with the ESF Operational Programme and the call.

Proposals that pass the Gateway Assessment will move into the Core Assessment which consists of the following:

- Strategic fit;
- Value for money;
- Management & control;
- Deliverability;
- Procurement / tendering; and
- State Aid compliance.

The Managing Authority will seek advice from partners when considering applications to ensure its assessment is informed by local economic growth conditions and opportunities within the context of Operational Programmes and the local ESIF Strategy. This will include the relevant LEP Area ESIF Committee and other partners deemed relevant to the application.

The assessment and any prioritisation will be undertaken using only the information supplied as part of the application process. The Managing Authority cannot accept further detail outside this process.

Non-public sector Applicants may be subject to due financial diligence checks by the Managing Authority, as part of the submission of a Full Application. Applicants will be required to submit accounts, and to clarify financial or other organisational information. New Applicant organisations may be required to provide details of a guarantor.

There is no appeal process for applicants whose Applications are rejected at Full Application stage or for failing to satisfy the MA's Financial Due Diligence checks.

6. Support

Please note that this is a competitive call and to preserve impartiality we are unable to enter into correspondence with applicants over their application. Details of where guidance can be found are contained throughout this calls document. In exceptional circumstances, if there are issues with accessing this guidance, please contact:

No applications are to be sent to this email address. Completed Full applications must be sent to the email address provided in Section 9 – Document submission.

7. Key Documents

- Full Application Form
- Full Application Form Guidance
- Financial Annex

- Indicator Annex
- Local Enterprise Partnership area's ESIF strategy
- ESF Eligibility Rules

8. Document Checklist

The assessment will be undertaken on the basis of documentation received at the point of closure of the call. Applicants should provide the following documentation.

Full Application Stage:

- fully completed Full Application (Section 2.7 and 2.8 are not applicable as this is a "one stage" application process);
- Financial tables (if the application is against more than one Category of Region, a financial table for each Category of Region)
- Outputs, Results and Indicators tables (if the application is against more than one Category of Region, a Outputs, Results and Indicators table for each Category of Region)
- Visual representation of the customer journey is required (e.g a flow chart);
 and

To enable the Managing Authority to complete the required Financial Due Diligence checks (if private or voluntary and community sector), applicant to provide:

- Three years financial accounts
- Proof of existence Certificate of Incorporation, Charities Registration, VAT Registration Certificate or alternate form of incorporation documentation;
- Proof of trading Financial Accounts/Statements for the most recent two years of trading including, as a minimum, Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheets:
- Completed Financial Viability and Risk Assessment Applicant Template (for applications requesting annualised funding of greater than £1m)

Failure to provide the above documentation could result in the application being rejected.

9. Document Submission

Completed Full Applications must be submitted to

10. Timescales

Launch of Call advertised on GOV.UK	12 July 2018
Deadline for submission of Full Application	20 September 2018

Full Application forms not received by the deadline will not be assessed.

For this call applications will normally be required to **commence delivery/activity** within three months of the award of contract.

Any changes related to the deadline for the submission of the Full Application form will be notified on the <u>European Growth Funding</u> website pages.

11. Appendix A – Common output indicators

Appendix A - extract from Annex 1 of the ESF regulation

Common output and result indicators for ESF investments

(1) Common output indicators for participants

"Participants" refers to persons benefiting directly from an ESF intervention who can be identified and asked for their characteristics, and for whom specific expenditure is earmarked. Other persons shall not be classified as participants. **All data shall be broken down by gender.**

The common output indicators for participants are:

unampleyed including long term unampleyed
unemployed, including long-term unemployed
long-term unemployed
inactive
Inactive, not in education or training
employed, including self-employed
below 25 years of age
above 54 years of age
above 54 years of age who are unemployed, including long-term unemployed,
or inactive not in education or training
with primary (ISCED 1) or lower secondary education (ISCED 2)
with upper secondary (ISCED 3) or post-secondary education (ISCED 4)
with tertiary education (ISCED 5 to 8)
participants who live in jobless households
participants who live in jobless households with dependent children
participants who live in a single adult household with dependent children
ethnic minorities

Participants with disabilities
other disadvantaged
homeless or affected by housing exclusion
from rural areas

Common immediate result indicators for participants are:

inactive participants engaged in job searching upon leaving
participants in education/training upon leaving
participants gaining a qualification upon leaving
participants in employment, including self-employment, upon leaving
disadvantaged participants engaged in job searching, education/ training,
gaining a qualification, in employment, including self-employment, upon leaving

Common longer-term result indicators for participants are:

participants in employment, including self-employment, six months after leaving participants with an improved labour market situation six months after leaving participants above 54 years of age in employment, including self-employment, six months after leaving

disadvantaged participants in employment, including self-employment, six months after leaving