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LVSTC News



Government Office for London in partnership with the Mayor of London presents

The London ESF Story

A conference and exhibition to celebrate the legacy of the European Social Fund 2000-2006 London Programme and the operational launch of the ESF 2007-2013 London Programme

Wednesday 4th June 2008, 9.30am

This conference is an opportunity to celebrate both the achievement and the promise of ESF. First from presentations by key governmental speakers at European, national and regional levels; then, from testimony by practitioners and individual participants themselves; and finally, by having a chance to walk round and see an exhibition which highlights some of what London has gained from ESF and what is on offer for the future.

[Booking Information](#)

This conference is now **fully booked**. Confirmation letters are being sent to successful delegates in the immediate future.

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ESF Unit workshops

These events are targeted at providers who are completing projects in the current programme. All workshops are funded by Government Office for London and will take place at LVSTC's Training Room, at Bromley Hall and are suitable for Senior Managers and Project Officers of ESF projects. Light refreshments will be provided.

'Exit strategies' [Using the Readiness Assessment Tool]

Friday 6 June 2008 - 9.30 - 13.00pm

This workshop is for projects completing before July 2008, needing to assess continuity or readiness to develop new projects or exit from the programme. You will be using an interactive on line tool kit and full ICT support and work stations are supplied for this interactive software session.

'Tracking Beneficiaries'

Thursday 19 June, 9.30am - 13.00pm

Thursday 26 June, 9.30am - 13.00pm - FULLY BOOKED

Projects are increasingly required to create pathways for beneficiaries and to confirm their outcomes after they have left the course. This workshop will give providers a foundation for implementing robust tracking systems, and you will be able to explore and assess alternative systems through problem solving and comparison.

'Evaluating your project'

Friday, 27 June, 9.30am - 13.00pm - FULLY BOOKED

Project Evaluation is a key tool for analysing the impact, effectiveness and efficiency of projects. It enables partnerships and organisations to accurately describe the results of interventions and provides essential learning for projects seeking continuity or closure for their current projects.

You will explore a range of evaluation activities and strategies, and assess the potential for evaluation to support your projects.

All of these events will be held at LVSTC, Bromley Hall, 43 Gillender Street, London E14 6RN.

To book a place for any of these events you can download a booking form at

<http://www.lvstc.org.uk/events.php>; or contact Misbah at LVSTC on 0845 262 2006.

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ESF News



London Councils ESF Update

London Councils published its first prospectus under the 2007-13 ESF programme on 15th November 2007. The total value of the prospectus was £7.2m (ESF & match), focusing solely on activity under Priority 1.1 of the ESF programme (Improving the employability & skills of unemployed and economically inactive). A total of 136 applications were received against 11 project specifications. All applications were from third sector organisations or third sector lead partnerships. Following scoring and moderation 33 projects have been selected for funding and applicants were notified of the results in March.

London Councils is planning to launch its next tendering round for ESF in autumn 2009.

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London Development Agency (CFO) ESF Update

The LDA published its first prospectus on 23rd November 2007, worth a total of £20.26m (ESF & match), with £17.2m supporting activities under Priority 1.1 and £3.06m for activity under Priority 2.1 of the programme (Increasing the number of employees with Basic Skills needs). 329 applications were received against 10 project specifications. Applications were received from organisations across all sectors. Results were announced at the beginning of May and projects are expected to commence delivery from June 2008.

The LDA will publish a second prospectus later this year and will confirm timescales shortly.

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Learning and Skills Council ESF Update

Following the initial PQQ stage, the LSC published its first invitation to tender (ITT) for the ESF 2007-13 programme on 24th November. The total value of the ITT was £58.08m, comprising £10.08m for activity under Priority 1.1, £27.75m for Priority 1.2 (Young people not in education, employment or training) and £20.25m across Priority 2 (Employees with: Basic Skills; Level 2; Level3/4 needs). 328 tenders were submitted across the five sub-priorities from 274 organisations across all sectors – one third from the third sector.

Applicants were informed of results in April and contracts are expected to commence from June.

Following the launch of a new PQQ at the end of January, the LSC is planning to publish a second ITT for ESF in June 2008.

LSC ESF is being let with a range of mainstream programme including Skills for Jobs – targeting ‘Local Employment Partnerships,’ homeless adults, OLASS, LLDD, ESOL for professional migrants, and higher level skills; A Work Focused ESOL pilot; Train to Gain – skills brokerage support for all businesses, Apprenticeships – 16-18 yr olds and 19 – 24 – employed status and Personal Best – using London 2012 as a catalyst for employment.

For a full description for all programmes together with procurement and tender information go to the LSC web site www.lsc.gov.uk and visit the Provider Procurement section

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Department of Work & Pensions ESF Update

DWP published its ITT on 3rd December 2007, with the intention of allocating its entire share of ESF for 2007-10 (£44.7m). The 16 organisations successful at PQQ stage were invited to submit a formal tender against 15 different project specifications, covering activity under Priority 1.1 of the programme. A total of 53 bids were received against the 15 specifications included in the ITT. DWP selected its list of preferred bidders and announcements were made to all bidders in w/c 31st March. No preferred bidders were selected for two specifications and DWP will confirm arrangements for re-tendering these specifications shortly. Contracts are expected to commence on 23rd June 2008. Prime contractors have been instructed to seek sub contractors in all sectors to ensure the effectiveness of the programme in reaching hard to help or economically excluded groups. LVSTC is working with its national body, the Third Sector European Network [TSEN], and the DWP to ensure that the working relationships and project outcomes are mutually beneficial for both private and third sector providers.

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Community Grants Update

Community Grants is being Co-Financed by the LDA under the new ESF programme. The programme will provide grants of up to £12,000 to small community and grass routes organisations. Contract negotiations are currently underway between the LDA and the proposed Grant Co-ordinating Body. The first call for applications for the Community Grants programme is expected to be launched in summer 2008.

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EU News



European Parliament's Employment Committee discusses draft Report on social inclusion

On 6 May, the Employment Committee of the European Parliament (EP) discussed the first draft of the report "Promoting social inclusion and combating poverty, including child poverty, in the European Union", prepared by MEP Gabrielle Zimmer. Representatives from EAPN, FEANTSA and ATD Fourth World took part in the Parliament hearing on the draft report.

The report underlines that the overarching aim of active inclusion policies must be to implement fundamental rights in order to enable people to live in dignity and participate in society as well as the labour market. It calls on the Commission to consider child poverty and social exclusion in a broader context of EU policy making including issues such as immigration, discrimination, gender equality and active inclusion.

To get up to date, you can download both the EP draft Report on Social Inclusion <http://cms.horus.be/files/99931/Newsletter/draft-report-social-inclusion-Zimmer.pdf> and the Joint Report on Social Protection and Social Inclusion 2008

http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/spsi/joint_reports_en.htm#2008

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New URBACT website

The European Programme for URBAN Sustainable Development have recently relaunched their website at www.URBACT.eu

They have simplified their menu and content organisation and you can now easily look at the URBACT II projects and examine the lessons learned from the URBACT I programme.

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What can help young people get decent jobs? European Youth Forum Policy paper

Despite today's youth being the most educated generation ever, young people are more likely to be working on short-term and informal contracts, with low pay, with little or no social protection, and with no voice in the workplace.

In the European Union, young people represent 38.5% of the total unemployed population; 4.6 million people aged between 15 and 24 do not have a job. The situation is even worse in South East Europe and Eastern Europe.

The European Youth Forum (YFJ) - a platform of 97 youth organisations across Europe - will put a number of measures on the table, necessary to improve the employment conditions of young people, in the 'Youth and Employment' debate at the Employment Week on 11 June.

To read the YFJ Policy Paper on Youth Employment adopted in May, please visit www.youthforum.org .

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Free map of the European Union!

Sign up to the Grundtvig postal mailing list and they'll send you a free map of the EU to put on your

wall! By subscribing to the postal mailing list, you will be kept informed about news and events in your region. You'll also receive deadline reminders and other useful Lifelong Learning Programme information by post. Maps will be sent to the first 300 subscribers only so act now! Simply fill in your details and enter the offer code 'Europe':

<http://www.graphicmail.co.uk/rwcode/content.asp?SID=6&SiteID=5307&Email=maillist@grundtvig.org.uk&Section=43834>

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European Parliament's Employment Committee adopts framework for the 2010 Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion

On 6 May, the European Parliament's Employment Committee adopted its draft report on the EU Year 2010 for combating poverty and social exclusion. The draft report reinforced the European Commission's proposal on a number of points in line with EAPN suggestions, in particular:

- strengthening the Year's objectives by increasing the focus on rights, making participation an objective per se, stressing the need for political commitment and action at EU and national level
- making the thematic focus more comprehensive by adding active inclusion, access to resources and services as well as multi-dimensional strategies (although a more explicit mention of minimum income would have been welcomed)
- suggesting explicitly that Member States should promote adequate financial mechanisms for small organisations at national, regional, local level
- improving references to the participation of people experiencing poverty and civil society

However, EAPN is concerned that the Commission's initial proposal to put in place National Advisory Groups (as a channel for civil society participation) is being jeopardized during the negotiation process. In this context, the committee chose to replace the current proposal by a less binding formulation, which now has to meet approval from the Council. In addition, more explicit references to the OMC on Social Protection and Social Inclusion would have been needed to make sure the Year builds upon existing structures. Any proposal to increase the financial envelope for the Year has also been rejected. The report now needs to be adopted by the European Parliament in plenary.

You can find more information on the Legislative Observatory at

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/file.jsp?id=5574832>

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Toolkit for developing an integrated homeless strategy

FEANTSA, the European Federation of organisations working with people who are homeless, has promoted and facilitated transnational exchanges between homeless services across Europe for the last 20 years. Analysis and reviews of homeless policies in this framework have revealed that a variety of approaches exist to combating homelessness.

Ten main approaches have emerged in most countries and these are contained in a Toolkit FEANTSA recently published in English, French, Polish and Italian.

FEANTSA believes that the most effective homelessness policies should include all these 10 approaches, but a balance should be found in accordance with the political context in which the authority developing and implementing the policy operates.

Download at <http://www.feantsa.org/code/en/pg.asp?Page=797>

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Adult Learners Consultation

Tuesday 10th June at the Abbey Centre

At the beginning of the year, the government launched a consultation on 'informal adult learning'. This is any learning people do for pleasure, personal development or for the benefit of their community – rather than for qualifications and work. It includes everyday learning from the TV and radio, learning through volunteering, joining a book club, working an allotment, visiting museums or following a hobby, as well as joining courses.

NIACE would like to invite you and the adult learners you work with to take part in a consultation event on the Informal Adult Learning paper. The aim of the event is to give learners the opportunity to have their say on the proposals, and to gather their views into a response for government.

The event will run from 10:00am to 3:15pm on Tuesday 10 June 2008 at the Abbey Centre.

Places are free and travel expenses will be paid, but a condition of coming is that you are able to bring with you an individual or group of adult learners (maximum 4 learners) with whom you are currently working.

For more information, to download an application form or to reserve a place online, visit the NIACE website:

<http://www.niace.org.uk/conferences/Informal-consultation.htm>

Enquiries to NIACE Conferences Team - Tel: 0116 204 2833 / E-mail: gurjit.kaur@niace.org.uk

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New National Occupational Standards hailed as important move for Fundraisers

The UK Workforce Hub and The Institute of Fundraising have collaborated to revise and improve the fundraising National Occupational Standards (NOS). The standards are for fundraisers, those who fundraise as part of their work and those that manage fundraising, whether it is in a voluntary or paid capacity.

Fundraisers will be able to apply the standards that are specific to their role, as the new NOS include

units on grant fundraising, corporate fundraising, major gifts and direct marketing. This makes the NOS less generic and more task specific than the first version, written in 2003. These standards, funded by the Sector Skills Development Agency (now known as the UK Commission for Employment and Skills, UKCES), cover both the skills and the knowledge that every competent fundraiser needs to be able to do their job at a nationally recognised level of competence. Also, the UK Workforce Hub has worked with the Institute of Fundraising to ensure that the standards cross reference and signpost to the UK Codes of Fundraising Practice. Voluntary and community organisations across the UK will be able to embed these NOS into recruitment, selection, training and development practise in order to improve the skills of fundraisers. To view the standards which were approved on the 14th April 2008 please visit the UK Workforce Hub website at www.ukworkforcehub.org.uk/fnos08

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Baring Foundation Strengthening the Voluntary Sector Funding

The Baring Foundation Strengthening the Voluntary Sector - Independence Programme 2008 is now open. This year the programme will focus on strengthening the independence of advice and advocacy organisations in various cities and counties. Grants are available of between £20,000 and £80,000 over five years to strengthen your own organisation. Also, organisations applying as part of a consortium, or for work that will strengthen other organisations, can bid for up to £200,000 over five years. The deadline is 30th June, full details at: www.baringfoundation.org.uk/program.htm

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Small businesses to get free access to public sector contracts

From 1 May until 31 July 2008, the supply2.gov website will allow new registrants to gain free access to public sector contracts valued under £100,000 for the UK and Northern Ireland. The free trial is part of the Department for Business' Enterprise Strategy which was released in March, which outlined new measures to increase the amount of government business that is won by small firms. More than 3,000 new contracts are available on Supply2gov each month. The three month free trial, available to businesses registering for the first time, will provide access to contracts throughout the UK rather than in a nominated local area. For further information please see - www.supply2.gov.uk

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Are you passionate about leadership?

Then become an 'ambassador' and promote strong leadership across the sector. Strong leadership is a key success factor for organisations and the Third Sector Leadership Centre would like to hear from you if you are interested in sharing your experiences and expertise to support and develop other leaders. For more visit www.thirdsectorleadership.org.uk/ambassadors

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Floodgates or turnstiles? Post-EU enlargement migration flows to (and from) the UK

To mark the fourth anniversary of the enlargement of the European Union in 2004, ippr has undertaken a major study that aims to provide as definitive a picture of post-enlargement migration flows to and from the UK as possible. This report presents fresh evidence on the scale and nature of migration from the eight new Central and Eastern European countries that joined the EU in 2004 and, to a lesser extent, from Romania and Bulgaria, which joined in 2007. The report is based on new analysis of a range of existing sources of data on migration flows. It also draws on the results of a specially commissioned survey, believed to be the first of its kind, of Poles who have recently returned from the UK to their home country. The report also draws on qualitative interviews with Polish migrants living in the UK. To download the report in pdf format click <http://www.ippr.org/publicationsandreports/publication.asp?id=603> To view interactive graphics and images from the report visit <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7370955.stm>

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Europeans reap substantial and tangible benefits from globalisation

"Globalisation & Europe: Prospering In the New Whirled Order", a study commissioned by AmCham, is an objective and factual look at how globalisation is affecting Europe's consumers, workers, businesses and governments. The study shows that the net gain of globalisation to Europeans is large and unambiguous. It asks, and answers the questions on what Europe's governments, businesses, consumers and workers can do to ensure that globalisation brings even more positive benefits to us all. Mark Spelman, Chair of AmCham EU's Executive Council and Accenture's Global Head of Strategy will present this study at Employment Week, www.employmentweek.com, on Wednesday 11th June at 10:00. For further information on the study please download here http://www.employmentweek.com/mailer/GlobStudySpelmanForeword_v3.pdf

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Briefing note on Local Government National Indicator 7: 'An environment for a thriving third sector'

This briefing note provides local strategic partnerships with more information and guidance on the national indicator on the third sector.

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/news/news_stories/~media/assets/www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/ni7_briefing_note_final%20pdf.ashx

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Summer Open Days for teaching in the lifelong learning sector

London needs more teachers of Maths and English to help hundreds of adults and young people leaving school, to gain skills for work, improve their personal skills, support their children's progress and expand their confidence and abilities.

Find out about training to teach adults and young people at one of the events below.

Already teaching? Want to find out more about the 2007 teacher training reforms for the lifelong learning sector and how they relate to you? Come and discuss your Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements and find out about training opportunities in your local area.

The London Strategic Unit (LSU) in partnership with London teacher training providers, invites you to one of our Information and advice Open Days:

West London – Thursday 12 June 6-8pm

Central London – Saturday 28 June 11-1pm

You will have the opportunity to speak to an advisor and to visit provider stands where teacher trainers will be able to talk in detail about their programmes.

To book a place at an event email lsu@ioe.ac.uk or telephone 0800 970 2627

For further information about teaching in the lifelong learning sector visit the talent website: www.talent.ac.uk

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Culture and 2012: engaging marginalised young people through arts and sport

Friday 20 June 2008, 9am-4pm, Bernie Grant Arts Centre, Town Hall Approach Road, Tottenham, N15 4RX

Four Greens and Urban Futures are delighted to announce a very special London conference: Culture and 2012: engaging marginalised young people through arts and sport. Arts and sport, cultural and recreational activity, can contribute to neighbourhood renewal and make a real difference to health, crime, employment and education in deprived communities.

This timely conference will debate and explore how arts and sport are used to engage disadvantaged young people, addressing themes like:

Social responsibility (for example, fear, safety, knife/gun crime)

Citizenship, healthy living (gang culture, STDs)

Skills and training (self-confidence, employability)

Worklessness (benefits trap)

Equalities (social exclusion)

It will raise important questions for community and voluntary sector organisations, arts, youth, education, regeneration agencies and statutory bodies: What is the Cultural Olympiad really offering marginalised young people? Where do beneficiaries go at the end of their support? How are they involved in the design of these projects? Can we measure their impact? Where's the sustainable long-term funding?

The conference sessions are free of charge. To reserve a place, email Layla Murdoch at Urban Futures (layla.murdoch@urbanfutures.org.uk) as soon as possible – space will be limited and we may have to prioritise bookings, check www.northlondonarts.info/culture-and-2012-conference for updates.

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The Lee Valley Festival 2008

The above-mentioned conference is taking place as part of the Lee Valley Festival, managed by the North London Strategic Alliance, with the support of its North London partners and funding from the London Development Agency:

Thursday 19 June: Business Opportunities and Business Readiness for 2012 (Alexandra Palace, Wood Green)

Friday 20 June: Culture and 2012: engaging marginalised young people through arts and sport (Bernie Grant Arts Centre, Tottenham)

Saturday 21 June: Tottenham Festival and Carnival (Tottenham High Road and Bruce Castle)

Sunday 22 June: Sporting Futures: See it, Try it, Love it (Lee Valley Athletics Centre, Edmonton)

For more information, see www.leevalleyfestival.co.uk

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