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#### **Forthcoming LVSTC Workshops**

See below for the upcoming [ESF London Transnational Workshop](#), to be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2008.

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### [ESF News](#)



#### **ESF London Transnational Workshop**

European Programmes Management Unit & LVSTC is organising a half-day workshop at **10.00am on Friday 5th December in the Jones Suite, London Voluntary Sector Resource Centre, Holloway Road** for London applicants to the new England ESF Programme to support Innovative & Transnational Activities. The event will be attended by the Head of the ESF Innovation, Transnationality & Mainstreaming Co-ordinating Body, who will be prepared to advise on partnership/consortium formation as well as other issues arising from the application process.

Given the scale and tight deadlines of the Programme, the Workshop is geared to potential bidders (with transnational experience) who have already established the basis of an application and who are seeking to develop partnerships/consortia. **Those wishing to attend the Workshop, please contact Ingrid Babcock at LVSTC ([ingridb@lvstc.org.uk](mailto:ingridb@lvstc.org.uk)) Tel: 0845 262 2006/020 7538 4309 Fax: 0845 262 2005/ 020 7005 0275) or visit the LVSTC website to download and return our Workshop Booking Form: <http://www.lvstc.org.uk/events.php> .**

The London Region will receive over £4 million ESF and a total of 4 Projects will be selected. ESF funding will contribute up to 50% of the costs of each project. It is expected that up to £1 million ESF will be available per project (ie £2 million gross). Applicants must provide at least 50% match funding. The selected projects will develop, test and deliver innovative ways of extending employment opportunities and improving the skills of the workforce. Projects should involve at least one partner from another EU Member State.

London has selected 6 themes for Innovative and Transnational activity in 2007-10.

**Priority 1 themes are:**

Active Inclusion  
Engaging with Employers  
Demographic Change

**Priority 2 themes are:**

Engaging with Employers  
Demographic Change  
Skills for Climate Change

Applicants must use the [application form](#) for innovative and transnational projects. Applications submitted on any other form will not be accepted. Documentation is available on the ESF website at: [http://www.esf.gov.uk/innovation\\_transnationality/](http://www.esf.gov.uk/innovation_transnationality/)

**Application Forms must be received by 4pm on Wednesday 17 December 2008 by the ESF Innovation, Transnationality and Mainstreaming Unit.** Forms should be addressed and sent to:

2008 Call for Proposals  
ESF Innovation, Transnationality and Mainstreaming Unit  
Birmingham City Council  
Council House Extension  
Margaret Street  
Birmingham  
B3 3BU

Five paper copies of each application must be submitted to the ITM Unit. E-mailed and faxed applications will not be accepted. Applications received by the ITM Unit after the deadline will not be accepted.

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### London Councils ESF Update

The second round of the London Councils European Social Fund Co-financing programme closed on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 13 boroughs provided funding to be matched by ESF to create a £9m programme.

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### London Development Agency (CFO) ESF Update

The LDA (CFO) intends to launch the second round of ESF funding in December 2008. For this round (and now all LDA procurement opportunities), all potential bidders will need to register on the CompeteFor system, an online advertising and supplier short-listing tool. This will be informed by the recently launched London Skills and Employment Board (LSEB) strategy. Once launched Prospectus 2, application form and formal guidance will be available on the LDA's site.

Details of the sub-regional workshops can be found on the LDA website:

<http://www.lda.gov.uk/server.php?show=nav.00100i003003>

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### Learning and Skills Council ESF Update

LSC Qualified Provider Framework

For organisations seeking to deliver education and training services including ESF, the LSC has recently opened a **Qualified Provider Framework**. This replaces the pre-qualification questionnaire with a system that allows providers to pre-qualify at any point during the year. It also enables existing providers to update their details and amend information where it is no longer accurate.

**Any providers that wish to receive tenders in January 2009 will need to submit/amend detail by 10<sup>th</sup> December 2008.** Alternatively they can apply to pre-qualify at any point during the year and if successful, will be include in subsequent tendering rounds.

Full details are available at

<http://www.lsc.gov.uk/providers/commissioning/qualifiedproviderframework/>.

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## Department of Work & Pensions ESF Update

We are not expecting the DWP to launch any new ESF funding rounds until next year.

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## Community Grants Update

The first Community Grants round closed on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November after running for four weeks. Applicants should expect to hear the results of their applications in late January.

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## ERDF Celebration Event: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December

### Celebrating ERDF in London

The 2007-13 London ERDF programme assists the growth and environmental performance of small and medium sized businesses to ensure that London remains at the forefront of an increasingly competitive and globalised world.

The previous programme (2000-06) supported the economic development of communities and businesses. This programme has enhanced infrastructure, premises and the environment and has played a key role in reducing unemployment and creating jobs in some of London's most deprived areas.

Keynote speakers include **Boris Johnson**, Mayor of London; **Danuta Hübner**, European Commissioner for Regional Policy; and **Rt Hon Tony McNulty MP**, Minister of State for Employment and Welfare Reform and Minister for London

### When and Where

This event will take place on Monday 8 December 2008 at Tate Modern, Bankside, London SE1 9TG. Lunch will be provided from 12:30 to 13:30. To confirm your attendance and inform us of any special requirements, please email [erdf@lda.gov.uk](mailto:erdf@lda.gov.uk) with ERDF Celebration Event 8th December 2008 as the title by 3 December 2008.

- Please enter Tate Modern through the MAIN ENTRANCE and proceed to clockroom located on Level 1. Then please make your way to the Starr Auditorium on Level 2 to register
- Presentations will begin in the Auditorium at 14.00 (closing by 15:45)
- Limited spaces are available so please RSVP as soon as possible to guarantee your place

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## UrbanBuzz - LIMITED FREE PLACES OFFER at final conference

University College London leads on a built environment knowledge exchange programme called UrbanBuzz, Building Sustainable Communities. See [www.urbanbuzz.org](http://www.urbanbuzz.org) for more information and for details specifically on the 2.12.08 major conference referred to below. It is vital that London's voluntary sector is properly represented at high level events such as this and for this reason the below special offer has been developed specifically with this sector in mind.

### About UrbanBuzz:

A government funded, two year programme, UrbanBuzz is led by University College London and is bringing together academics and practitioners in the built environment sector to convert research results into new practical tools and processes to help build sustainable communities.

### "The reality of creating sustainable communities" conference – special offer for London's voluntary sector from David Cobb, the UrbanBuzz Programme Director:

Following a very successful 6-week Showcase at The Building Centre – UrbanBuzz is now moving forwards to its programme's finale (in the eyes of many – but we see this is just the end of the beginning) which is the final conference as I'm sure you are all fully aware. We are getting geared up and are delighted to announce that Matthew Taylor, Chief Executive of the RSA, will now be speaking in the final session (replacing Bill Rammell MP whose offices could not find a substitute) and promises to be a lively end to the formal part of the day!

Of course the day does not end at the close of the conference. The showcase of projects will be open at the reception in the magnificent Great Hall of The Institution of Civil Engineers up until 9pm during which free drinks and canapés will be on offer – coupled with some festive entertainment by the UrbanBuzz choir! Moreover, we already have several MPs coming from 'All Party Parliamentary Groups' attending the reception and add to that the delegates and also the ICE Council who meet

that afternoon and we have a vibrant evening reception lined up too.

So we hope you can join us. However, it would be remiss of us not to make provisions for the scenario where we may have some spare seats. We are being realistic in difficult economic times and are pleased to offer a limited number of free places, should there be any, subject to the non-negotiable conditions below. We hope very much that you will alert your associates who may benefit from such attendance. Thus to be sure of getting on the 'reserve list' don't delay!

Noting that the only way to guarantee a place is to register! We have cut registration fees significantly and really do expect places to fill up in the next few days. We are told by our Event Management company that this is normal registration pattern behaviour!

Offer of Free Place: Conditions.

1. Requests for free places must only be made by email to [james.hampton@meeting-point.co.uk](mailto:james.hampton@meeting-point.co.uk) - our Event Management company representative.
2. Names must be assigned to each free place being requested – along with email contact details for each person named. Thus multiple applications may be made in one email.
3. If we have to make choices then a very short explanation next to each name indicating responsibilities and areas of interest may help our decision.
4. In the event of several names being entered on one request the name order given will be deemed to be the priority – in case equitable decisions have to be taken on sharing out the offer.
5. By requesting a free place each named person agrees to attend the event - for the full day.
6. Notification of the award of a free place will be made via email by close of business on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November
7. The free place will be in respect of entrance to the Great Hall at the ICE where there will be a 'live relay' screen of all proceedings in the main lecture theatre next door. Any decision to 'upgrade' any person due, for example, to paying delegates not attending, is entirely at the discretion of the Event Management company on the day. That said in all other respects the benefits are the same for delegates in the lecture theatre and the Great Hall.
8. Those assigned a free place under this offer will receive a delegate pack but not be entitled to a complimentary copy of the final publication 'The Complete UrbanBuzz' which will retail at c.£82 from mid January 2009 onwards – details to follow
9. The Event Management company – 'Meeting Point' – decision on all such matters is final.

**If you would like to send out information with our bi-monthly newsletter, Euroscene, thereby reaching a contact list of over 3,000 organisations, then please get in touch with Bill Burke on the numbers below.**

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