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## Welcome to byte-size Euroscene: ESF Briefing Special

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### LVSTC News

#### Application Workshops for CFO Rounds

LVSTC is pleased to announce a series of application workshops in the next couple of weeks for the fast-moving ESF rounds that have now all launched. With so many deadlines hitting in the first weeks of the New Year, LVSTC have quickly put together a programme of events at which staff will be able to give: comprehensive overviews on the new programmes, expert advice on filling out the application forms and a look at the cross-cutting themes.

More details about each workshop can be found by clicking on these links

[Application Workshop for LDA ESF Applicants 2007](#)  
[Application Workshop for London Councils ESF Applicants 2007 and one-to-one support](#)  
[LSC ITT Workshop for ESF Applicants 2007](#)

#### LVSTC ESF Partnership Portal

**Now live!!**

We have had an excellent response since launching our Partnership Portal 2 weeks ago, with over 100 organisations, submitting their details to us. The Portal is now live on the LVSTC website and you can search for partners in a variety of ways. Of course, we would very much like to continue to build on these numbers so please do keep on sending in your details and passing it on any other organisations who you think might be interested.

If you want to play your full part in developing collaborative working through the **Partnership Portal**, -you can find out more by going to [http://www.lvstc.org.uk/partnership\\_portal.php](http://www.lvstc.org.uk/partnership_portal.php) and completing the electronic form, detailing what other organisations need to know about you!

For help and information about the ESF Partnership Portal, contact the ESF Unit at LVSTC on 0845 262 2006

#### Training room for Hire

LVSTC now has a fully equipped training room for hire at our premises in Bromley Hall, Tower Hamlets. With room for up to 20 delegates, and IT facilities available as well, our reasonable rates mean that Bromley Hall could be the ideal solution for you.

For more details, please contact Bill Burke on [billb@lvstc.org.uk](mailto:billb@lvstc.org.uk) or 0845 262 2006

### ESF News: London Development Agency

#### London Development Agency

The LDA have now launched their ESF Programme for 2007-2010 at <http://www.lda.gov.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.2163>.

Between 23 November and 20 December 2007 applicants will be able to access advice and support by emailing

questions and queries to: [ESFProgramme2007@lda.gov.uk](mailto:ESFProgramme2007@lda.gov.uk)

Please note that under Open and Competitive Tendering Arrangements they will only be able to clarify information provided or give instructions related to the process: they cannot provide advice or support which is specific to your project or application. All enquiries will be logged and responded to individually and answers will also be posted on the [frequently asked questions \(FAQ\)](#) page. Also note that applicants must submit all enquiries by email and telephone enquiries will not be answered. This is to ensure all applicants receive equal treatment.

Their website address is <http://www.lda.gov.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.2163> and you should keep checking back as their FAQ page will be constantly updated.

## LVSTC Support: Application Workshop for LDA ESF Applicants 2007

This workshop aims to enable participants to gain an understanding of the LDA ESF programme, their target groups and priorities and ultimately to know how to complete the LDA application form.

The session will focus on three main areas to strengthen the application:

- Programme Overview
- The Application Form
- Cross Cutting Themes

The workshop will be held on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** at **Stockwell Community Resource Centre** from 9:30am – 1pm: places can be booked from here <http://www.lvstc.org.uk/events.php> or calling 020 7538 4309

### Summary

Launch	Prospectus was launched on 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2007
Closing Date	1600 hours on 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2008
Delivery	Start from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2008, expected to start by June 2008
LVSTC Briefing workshop	Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
Partnership	Encourages partnership working, Lead Partner should have Service Level Agreements in place

### Priority 1 – Extending employment opportunities

Measure 1.1 Improving the employability and skills of the unemployed and economically inactive people

1.1a Social Housing Provider Outreach & Engagement	£1.5 million
1.1b Frontline Outreach, Engagement and Information, Advice and Guidance	£1.5 million
1.1c Personal Best - Pre Volunteer Programme Engagement	£6 million
1.1d Specialist Employment Advice and Job Brokerage for Disabled People	£2 million
1.1e Customised Training	£1.5 million
1.1f Numeracy & Employability	£1.5 million
1.1g Pre-Business Start Up	£1.2 million
1.1h Refugee Training and Support	£1.5 million
1.1i ESOL Support for Asylum Seekers	£500,000

### Priority 2 – Creating a skilled and adaptable workforce

Measure 2.1 Increasing the number of employees with improved skills for life

2.1a Customised Workplace Skills for Life	£3, 060 000
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## ESF News: London Councils

### London Councils

London Councils is welcoming tenders from voluntary and not-for-profit organisations under its European Social Fund co-financing programme. The programme aims to improve labour market opportunities and enhance the employability of some of the most disadvantaged and excluded groups in London.

Projects will run for up to 24 months with programme delivery taking place between April 2008 and March 2010. There will be £7.2m available for funded activities. Find out more from their website at <http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/doc.asp?doc=21273&cat=2450>

## LVSTC Support: Application Workshop for London Councils ESF Applicants 2007 and one-to-one support

LVSTC will be running a special application workshop for voluntary sector organisations and groups wishing to tender for ESF under this round. This workshop aims to enable participants to gain an understanding of the London Councils ESF programme, the priority areas and target groups and ultimately how to complete the application form. The workshop will be held on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December** at **Stockwell Community Resource Centre** from 9:30am – 1pm: places can be booked from here <http://www.lvstc.org.uk/events.php> .

In addition, LVSTC will also provide **1-2-1 support to groups** wishing their applications to be reviewed before submission. For further information, please contact the ESF Unit at LVSTC on 0845 262 2006 / 020 7538 4309. Alternatively, you can email Kwasi Ofei ([kwasio@lvstc.org.uk](mailto:kwasio@lvstc.org.uk)) to arrange an appointment

### Summary

Launch	Prospectus was launched on 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2007
Closing Date	12 Noon on 11 January 2008
Delivery	Start from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2008, expected to start by June 2008
LVSTC Briefing workshop	Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
Partnership	support partnership working, require supporting evidence (incl. partners' contact details)

### Priority 1 – Extending employment opportunities

Measure 1.1 Improving the employability and skills of the unemployed and economically inactive people

Disabled parents 1.1.1	£437,576
People with mental health problems and who are not eligible for the Pathways to Work Programme 1.1.2	£656,364
People recovering from addiction who are at early stages of recovery and need pre-employment / pre-training support 1.1.3	£437,576
People recovering from addiction who are at later stages of recovery who can be progressed into employment 1.1.4	£437,576
Homeless individuals 1.1.5	£437,576
Homeless families 1.1.6	£656,364
Workless families 1.1.7	£1,093,939
Refugees and asylum seekers with pre-entry level ESOL needs 1.1.8	£1,093,393
Women from BME groups with low labour market participation rates 1.1.9	£1,093,939
Carers 1.1.10	£437,576
Former carers 1.1.11	£437,576
<b>Total</b>	<b>£7,220,000</b>

## ESF News: Learning & Skills Council

### Learning and Skills Councils

The LSC are now at the Invitation to Tender (ITT) stage and the list of organisations who were successful at the PQQ stage can be downloaded by going here <http://www.lsc.gov.uk/providers/esf-procurement/invitation/> and then clicking on London.

### LVSTC Support: ITT Workshop for ESF Applicants 2007

**Wednesday 5th December** 2007, 9.30am-1.00pm at **Southwell House**

Following the success of the recent PQQ workshop organised by LVSTC for Voluntary and Community Sector organisations, the LSC in the London Region has requested LVSTC to host another workshop for organisations that have been successful with their PQQ and have been Invited To Tender for ESF funds for the next three years. The workshop will focus on three main areas identified by the LSC to strengthen the application:

How to Track Beneficiaries

\* Evaluation

\* Unit Costs/Realistic Expectations

For more information and to book a place, please visit the following link: <http://www.lvstc.org.uk/events.php>

## Summary

Launch	Invitation to Tender was issued on 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2007
Closing Date	11 January 2008
Delivery	Start from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2008
LVSTC Briefing workshop	Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
Partnership	Encourages partnerships

### Priority 1 – Extending employment opportunities

Measure 1.1 Improving the employability and skills of the unemployed and economically inactive people

Measure 1.1	£8m
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Measure 1.2 Employment and skills activities targeted at young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) or at risk becoming NEET

Measure 1.2	£27m
<b>18,100 NEET engaged by the programme</b>	
Participants with disabilities or health conditions	22%
Participants who are lone parents	12%
Participants from ethnic minorities	56%
Participants who are female	51%

### Priority 2 – Creating a skilled and adaptable workforce

Measure 2.1 Basic Skills (including: Skills for Life, NVQ Level 1 standards in basic skills)	£6.9m
Measure 2.2 Second Level 2 Qualifications	£8.7m
Measure 2.3 Level 3/ 4	£5.6m

## ESF News: Department for Work & Pensions

### Department for Work and Pensions

More information can be found at the DWP website on:

[http://www.dwp.gov.uk/supplyingdwp/what\\_we\\_buy/notice\\_to\\_providers\\_esfopportunities.asp](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/supplyingdwp/what_we_buy/notice_to_providers_esfopportunities.asp)

### LVSTC Support

The LVSTC Partnership Portal provides an opportunity to look for partners from all sectors, and to let Prime Contactors see what you have to offer from any potential partnerships. The portal can be accessed at [http://www.lvstc.org.uk/partnership\\_portal.php](http://www.lvstc.org.uk/partnership_portal.php) where you can also add your details on.

## Summary

Launch	Invitation to Tender was issued on 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2007
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Delivery	Start from 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2008
Partnership	Prime Contracting Approach

### Priority 1 – Extending employment opportunities

Measure 1.1 Improving the employability and skills of the unemployed and economically inactive people

Job search, Mentoring, Basic Skills	N/A
Entrepreneurial, Development and Customised Training	N/A
Specific industry support including the Security Instance	N/A
Self employed support	N/A
ESOL – British Citizenship Programme	N/A
Homeless client support	N/A
Lone parent engagement and support	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>£78.25m</b>

## Events

### Help to Claim Your Tax Credits

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 1:30 – 4:30, Bromley Hall, 43 Gillender Street, London E14 6RN

#### WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A CHRISTMAS PRESENT WORTH HUNDREDS OF POUNDS YET COSTS YOU NOTHING?

Did you know that Tax Credits are available to nearly everyone over 25 who is working more than 16 hours a week, even if they earn up to £58,000, plus anyone with young children under the age of 5 can give them a present from the government of £200 to pay into their Childs Trust fund account.

More than a million people who are eligible are not claiming, yet it is not too difficult to apply, particularly with the help of Wise Owls. If you apply now you should be able to know what benefits you will receive in the New Year, in time for Christmas

Wise Owls has been paid by H.M Revenue and Customs (HMRC) to help people to apply for their rightful entitlement to tax credits and benefits. All you have to do is to contact Wise Owls and either ask them to give you the necessary information and advice or come along to our training half-day where we will go through the forms and Guidance notes, give you all the necessary contact and helpline details to help you to claim your entitlement. After that Wise Owls are available on the phone once you have received your application form to answer any questions you may have in applying.

Please register with or contact Wise Owls through  
Val Small – Tax Credit Project Manager  
Tel: 020 8983 9716 ; Fax: 020 8983 5713 email [marketing@wiseowls.co.uk](mailto:marketing@wiseowls.co.uk)

**LVSTC, Bromley Hall, 43 Gillender Street, London, E14 6RN**  
**Tel: 0845 262 2006 or 020 7538 4309**  
**Fax: 0845 262 2005 or 020 7005 0275**

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