

# London Euroscene

## Information Flash



London's Voluntary and Community Sector in partnership with Europe  
to promote Social Inclusion

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Just a quick information flash in advance of the full e-bulletin which will be published next week. Here are the dates of the upcoming workshops that we are hosting with a range of guest speakers and the news of the results of Work Programme contracting process.

Regards

Ian

### **Preferred Work Programme Delivery Partners announced**

The Work Programme contracting process has now finished with 6 preferred bidders being announced for the 2 London Contract Package Areas.

**West London** – Ingeus UK Ltd, Maximus Employment UK Ltd, Reed in Partnership

**East London** - A4E Ltd, Careers Development Group, Seetec

### **April Training Events**

#### **Linking Ethnic Minority Groups**

Friday 8 April 2011, 2.00-4.30pm

@ City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA

LVSTC is organising an event to look at issues around linking ethnic minority groups to the ESF in London, and how providers can involve those furthest from the labour market and those at greatest risk. We will look at London Enriched, the Mayor's Strategy for Refugee and Migrant Integration. This vision sees refugees and migrants living in security and dignity, sharing with all Londoners the same chances for a decent quality of life and the opportunity to contribute to London and its development. The meeting will also have input from NIACE (National Institute of Adult Continuing Education). NIACE projects have highlighted the impact adult learning provision can have to help refugees and migrants. Also, as a champion of race equality, NIACE challenges those policies which adversely affect black and minority ethnic (BME) groups and works to raise the profile of learning for BME adults.

In particular the workshop will look at:

- working with people from BME communities who are furthest from the labour market
- the place of ESOL in developing employability skills
- critical approaches to 'active citizenship'
- networking BME groups with the wider third sector
- opportunities during Adult Learners Week, 14-20 May 2011

For more information, please contact Ingrid [ingridb@lvstc.org.uk](mailto:ingridb@lvstc.org.uk) at LVSTC.

### **ESF and The Work Programme**

Wednesday 13 April 2011, 9.30am - 12.30pm

@ Europe House, 32 Smith Square, London SW1P 3EU

This workshop will look at opportunities for funding within the current rounds of ESF and possible other funding sources. We will look at the Prime Contracting Model within the Work Programme and the pricing implications for top sliced funding with a middle tier of administration. The workshops will stress the importance of proper pricing of services to make contracts viable and the inherent risks to

the cash flow of organisations as a consequence of output related funding. We will use the Rocket Science Cash Flow tool to demonstrate the risks. Presentations will take place from Primes, Sub-contractors, and Specialist Providers. The overall aim of the workshops is to demonstrate the importance of forward planning in the current funding environment where risk has been transferred to deliverers.

Now that the successful Prime Contractors are announced, participants will have the opportunity to question speakers on how they will contract with them for spot provision as well as any successful sub-contractors. For those attending following the event LVSTC will provide in-depth advice surgeries on the Rocket Science Cash Flow tool. This will help them examine in depth their contract offers from Primes that will help them profile their project outputs and financial planning which will be vital given the nature of performance related funding built into the Work Programme.

*The programme will feature*

*A Prime Contractor's View : Stephen Nation-Tellery, Working Links*

*A Sub-Contractor's View : Maggie Cramb, St Giles Trust*

*A Cash-Flow Assessment Tool : John Griffiths, Rocket Science*

*The Current ESF Funding Environment: Steve White, LVSTC*

Even if you cannot attend the event, LVSTC are offering a 1-to-1 surgery on pricing and the implementation of the Cash flow tool either at their premises or at LVSTC so that this vital source of knowledge is widely understood by VCS organisations looking to get into the Work Programme.

For more information, please contact Steve White [stevegw@lvstc.org.uk](mailto:stevegw@lvstc.org.uk) at LVSTC

## **Tackling Health Inequalities**

Tuesday 19 April 2011, 9.30am - 12.30pm

@ Resource Centre, 356 Holloway Road, London N7 6PA

This workshop is being run with Anthea Cooke from Inukshuk Consultancy who have been guiding the London Health Commission to help reduce health inequalities and improve the health and well-being of all Londoners. This workshop offers support to groups interested in ESF to incorporate health as a cross-cutting theme into their projects and to monitor impact on factors likely to affect the health and well-being of beneficiaries. With the help of the purpose-built Framework tool developed in conjunction with the Mayor's Health Commission, the focus will be on showing how current and future ESF providers can promote health through their projects.

For more information, please contact Ian Foster [ianf@lvstc.org.uk](mailto:ianf@lvstc.org.uk) at LVSTC

## **Making a case for your organisation – From survival to organisational resilience**

Wednesday 20 April 2011, 9.00am - 1.00pm

@ LTEN (formerly ITN) offices, 3 Highbury Crescent, London N5 1RN

(Nearest Tube Station: Highbury & Islington on the Victoria Line and well served by Buses: 4, 19, 30, 43, 271, 277, 393)

In the light of major cutbacks in the public sector and shrinking resources it's more important than ever to reassess the position of your organisation in order to ensure a sustainable long term future. The workshop will provide an opportunity to think through the necessary elements of planning for it. It is aimed at senior staff in small to medium sized community and voluntary sector organisations, one member of staff per organisation, and upon confirmation of registration participants will be expected to undertake pre course preparation to maximise the benefit of the session.

At the end of the session participants will have developed an understanding of the following things:

- The current context you are operating in
- Reconnecting with your core mission and vision
- Assessing the real value of your organisation- do your beneficiaries really benefit?
- Capacities and vulnerabilities analysis
- Cost of funding
- Evidence, evidence evidence-giving value to outcomes

To book call Sumita Dutta on 0207 7150300 or email your contact details to: [sumita@lten.org.uk](mailto:sumita@lten.org.uk)

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