

Welcome to this edition of the national European Social Fund Newsletter.



ESF trainees to staff new hotel in Canterbury

Canterbury College's CTR Training Centre has been working with Canterbury Jobcentre Plus and Premier Inn to fill vacancies at the hotel chain's new city centre hotel. Jobcentre Plus have referred local unemployed people for business and customer service training at the college, which has prepared them for kitchen, restaurant, bar and housekeeping roles at the hotel. The ESF funded training,

provided in partnership with contract holder Sussex Downs College, is co-financed by the Skills Funding Agency Skills Support for the Unemployed programme

[>>College and Jobcentre Plus help new city hotel](#)



Get yourself a Sidekick

Sidekick is an online tool to help young people identify their strengths and find the support and information they need to help them into employment or training. Sidekick has been

developed by partners Jobcentre Plus Devon Cornwall and Somerset and the ESF Convergence Communications Team and is fully functional in Somerset, Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

[>>Sidekick](#)

new futures

new futures is a National Offender Management Service ESF co-financed project providing employment support for ex-offenders in the South West of England. A case study on the ESF website now features Sam's story, who was helped onto a foundation degree course which could lead to a two year apprenticeship in his dream career as a jump jockey.

[>>new futures](#)

CUC postgraduate researchers showcase work

The University of Exeter recently hosted a conference showcasing the progress of some of the varied and innovative research currently being undertaken by Cornwall's PhD researchers and their collaborators under the ESF funded Combined Universities in Cornwall (CUC) Research programme. The event near Truro demonstrated how research partnerships have been firmly established in Cornwall – providing a mix of seminars, "posters" and an opportunity for networking between students, academic staff and businesses. This investment aims to increase high quality research and strengthen links between businesses and CUC partners.

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Closure of ESF-Works website



The Tribal ESF Works Technical Assistance project, which manages the ESF-Works website www.esf-works.com will close on 31st December 2013. The website focuses on the policy and practice lessons from the 2007-2013 England ESF programme.

The website's content will need to be removed from the internet at the start of January 2014. The social media pages managed by Tribal for ESF Works i.e.

Facebook, LinkedIn, @ESFWorks on Twitter and YouTube, will also close on the 31

December 2013. Full access to both [ESF Works](http://www.esf-works.com) website and the associated social media pages will continue throughout December 2013 and existing users and people wishing to visit the site are encouraged to do so at the earliest opportunity.

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Helpful Links

[@DWPESFEngland on Twitter](#)

[ESF-Works](#)

[Skills Funding Agency Co-financing Organisation \(CFO\)](#)

[Ministry of Justice \(National Offender Management Service CFO\)](#)

[Department for Work and Pensions CFO](#)

[Greater London Authority](#)

[Inspiring Work: Cornwall and SW](#)

[TAEN \(The Age and Employment Network\)](#)

[Europa \(Europe ESF website\)](#)

[The National Council for Voluntary Organisations NCVO](#)

[Gibraltar](#)

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