





It works in partnership with the LSC to deliver pre-apprenticeship training, apprenticeship training and the Skills for Jobs adult programme to provide pre-employment support to the long-term unemployed.

2. In 2007-2013, the European Social Fund (ESF) will invest £174 million in the East of England, which will be matched by £174 million of national funding. The 2007-2013 European Social Fund programme will support two key priorities:

- Extending employment opportunities to people who are unemployed or at a disadvantage in the labour market, including disabled people, lone parents, older workers, ethnic minorities, low skilled people and young people not in education, employment or training, and
- Developing a skilled and adaptable workforce, with a particular focus on employees who lack basic skills and good qualifications.

Further information on ESF is available on the national ESF website, at [www.esf.gov.uk](http://www.esf.gov.uk).

3. The LSC exists to make England better skilled and more competitive. We are responsible for ensuring the availability of high-quality education and training for everyone. We have a single goal: to improve the skills of England's young people and adults to world class standards. Our vision is that young people and adults in England have knowledge and skills matching the best in the world and are part of a truly competitive workforce. We work nationally, regionally and locally to deliver this ambition on behalf of learners and employers. [www.lsc.gov.uk/](http://www.lsc.gov.uk/)

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