

## Introduction to Tender

LSC London will co-finance all ESF activity within Priority 1.2, which falls under the LSC budget area of Youth. The 14-19 improvement and reform agenda is rapidly gaining pace and key aspects of that agenda will have a significant impact on the numbers of young Londoners in education and training over the 2007-10 period.

Taken alongside wider national developments related to “raising of the compulsory participation age”, ESF funding will play a key role in meeting the London September Guarantee and the drive towards 90% participation (16-19).

Basic eligibility for activity will be that participants are identified as NEET, however, tendering organisations will need to demonstrate how they will engage with those most disadvantaged including:

- The homeless and those at risk of homelessness;
- Young people leaving care;
- Young offenders and those at risk of offending;
- Young people with substance dependency problems;
- Young people with mental health problems;
- Young people previously excluded from mainstream education;
- Young refugees;
- Young people fleeing domestic violence and abuse;
- Young people with poor skills for life; and
- Young parents.

In addition to the Specification, tendering organisations should consider their responses against the London ESF Regional Framework January 2007 – December 2010, the LSC London Co-financing plan 2007 – 2010 and the LSC London 2008 ESF Overview. Links to all of these documents are available on the LSC website:

<http://www.lsc.gov.uk/regions/London/ESF>

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For the purposes of this specification, those defined as ‘at risk of becoming NEET’ are those without an offer under the London September Guarantee or for example, those identified by the Connexions service as needing ‘support’ or ‘intensive support’. Activity with under 16 year old potential NEET participants cannot duplicate existing programmes e.g. Schools re-engagement programme.

These specifications aim to address geographical gaps in provision which were not filled through the 2007 ESF tendering round. Priority will be given to ‘NEET hotspot boroughs’ where provision was not able to be fully allocated.

A NEET Hotspot borough is defined as one of the 20 London boroughs with the highest volume of NEET residents. Please refer to the Geography / Area of Delivery identified within this tender specification.



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**TENDER GL.ESF2.Y.S01**  
**TRANSITION TO SUSTAINED**  
**EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION OR**  
**TRAINING**  
**SPECIFICATION and**  
**QUESTIONNAIRE (PART A)**



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**ESF CO-FINANCING**

**LONDON - YOUTH**

**PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

**June 2008**

**Title: TRANSITION TO SUSTAINED EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION OR TRAINING**

**Reference: GL.ESF2.Y.S01**

### **Aim**

Delivery of Advice and Guidance (IAG); brokerage or other pre employment or education activities assisting effective early intervention for NEET participants.

### **Service Requirement**

- Support packages including IAG, advocacy, course tasters, work experience (as appropriate) to enable transition onto an Employment, Education or Training (EET) Pathway.
- Support package to aid retention in education or employment of a minimum of 6 months.

Tenders should demonstrate linkage and partnership working with:

- Local authorities;
- Connexions;
- Early Intervention Teams;
- 14-19 partnerships;
- Voluntary and Community Sector;
- Youth Offending Teams.

### **Target Groups & Priority**

Young people in London who are not in education employment or training (NEET) or at risk of becoming NEET.

Projects need to demonstrate an ability to work with one or more of the following groups: young people from ethnic groups overrepresented in NEET; care leavers; lone parents; young people with care responsibilities; young people with additional learning needs and/or disabilities; young people from high NEET localities; young offenders and homeless young people.

Where more than one project is sought under the Specification, then the LSC will fund a package of projects that will, overall, address the London ESF Regional Framework 2007 – 2010 indicators of:

- Participants with disabilities or health conditions (22%);
- Participants who are lone parents (12%);
- Participants from ethnic minorities (56%);
- Female Participants (51%).

### **Geography / Area of Delivery**

Projects that operate in one or more of the following boroughs will be given priority.

- Barking and Dagenham
- Barnet
- Bexley
- Brent
- Bromley

- Ealing
- Enfield
- Hammersmith & Fulham
- Haringey
- Harrow
- Havering
- Hillingdon
- Hounslow
- Islington
- Kingston
- Lewisham
- Newham
- Redbridge
- Richmond
- Sutton
- Waltham Forest

## Outputs

- 1930 NEET participants engaged.

### Suggested Outputs

- Participant assessment, planning and support
- Improvement in Work Related Skills related soft outcomes
- 1:1 aftercare and support for participants entering employment
- Delivery of IAG (On Programme Payment)
- Start on non-accredited learning
- Start on work placement

## Results

- 1930 IAG (100%).
- 986 young people supported to progress into appropriate education, training or employment for a period of at least 6 months.
- 75% Improvement in Work Related Skills related soft outcomes.

### Suggested Results

- Progression/destination of the participant into further learning NOT including Higher Education
- Participant progression/destination into employment 6 weeks after leaving the programme
- Progression/destination into voluntary work
- Participant progression/destination into employment with training at 13 weeks
- Participants in job search activity or further learning
- In employment after 26 weeks
- In learning after 26 weeks
- Achievement on Non-accredited learning

## Other Outcomes

Not applicable.

### **Funding Available**

£4,825,000 @ £2500 per participant.

### **Start and End Dates**

From October 2008 – December 2010 (27 Months). All projects must be completed by the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008.

### **Contracting Details**

Projects across the London region, in particular in the identified NEET London hotspot boroughs, reflecting numbers of NEET participants within those boroughs.

Tendering organisations must demonstrate proportionality between the amount of funding requested and the outputs, results and other outcomes they are proposing to deliver.

Organisations delivering IAG must be Matrix accredited or working towards accreditation.

The following participants are ineligible under this specification:

**Employed people;**

**Participants who are not NEET or at risk of becoming NEET.**



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**TENDER GL.ESF2.YOUTH.S02  
FLEXIBLE LEARNING  
OPPORTUNITIES  
SPECIFICATION and  
QUESTIONNAIRE (PART A)**



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**ESF CO-FINANCING**

**LONDON - YOUTH**

**PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

**June 2008**

**Title: Flexible Learning Opportunities**

**Reference: GL.ESF2.Y.SO2**

### **Aim**

Supply of flexible learning provision (including provision to support young people into employment) - linked to September Guarantee.

### **Service Requirement**

- Flexible learning opportunities that enable progression to sustainable further education, training or employment.
- Flexible entry level learning opportunities to re-engage NEET young people including “life skills” and basic skills training.
- Volunteering opportunities or work placements with training leading to employment, further education or training.
- Community learning projects for young people that promote social cohesion.

Tenders should demonstrate linkage and partnership working with:

- Local authorities;
- Connexions;
- Providers of education and training;
- Employers;
- 14-19 partnerships;
- Voluntary and Community Sector;
- Youth Offending Teams.

### **Target Groups & Priority**

Young people in London who are not in education employment or training (NEET) or at risk of becoming NEET.

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Projects must cover one or more of the following boroughs:

- Barking & Dagenham
- Barnet
- Bexley
- Enfield
- Havering
- Hounslow
- Islington
- Lewisham
- Redbridge
- Waltham Forest

## Outputs

- 934 NEET participants engaged.

Suggested outputs:

- Participant assessment, planning and support
- Start on Skills for Life/Basic Skills qualifications
- Start on non-accredited learning activity
- Start on accredited learning activity

## Results

- 398 young people undertaking an appropriate flexible learning programme.
- 329 young people undertaking entry level re-engagement opportunities.
- 149 young people undertaking work placement or volunteering.
- 57 young people accessing community learning projects that promote social cohesion.

Suggested Results:

- Achievement of Skills for Life/Basic Skills qualification.
- Achievement of non-accredited learning activity.
- Achievement of accredited learning activity.
- Completion of a work placement.
- Progression/destination to learning except Higher Education.
- Participant progression/destination into employment 6 weeks after leaving the programme.
- Progression/destination into voluntary work.
- Participants in work 26 weeks after leaving the programme.
- Participants in learning after 26 weeks

## Other outcomes

Not applicable.

## Funding available

£2,894,484 @ £3067 per participant.

**Start and end dates**

From October 2008 – December 2010 (27 Months). All projects must be completed by the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008.

**Contracting details**

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**TENDER GL.ESF2.Y.S03**  
**PERSONALISED POST-16 SCHOOL**  
**INCLUSION PLACES**  
**SPECIFICATION and**  
**QUESTIONNAIRE (PART A)**



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**LONDON - YOUTH**

**PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

**June 2008**

**Title: Personalised Post-16 School Inclusion Places**

**Reference: GL.ESF2.Y.SO3**

### **Aim**

Retention of post-16 learners in school through the supply of personalised learning and learner support (including provision to support young people into employment and other further education) linked to September Guarantee.

Provide support and assistance to schools to develop preventative work with learners at risk of becoming NEET, particularly those young people who enter the school roll after the start of the academic year.

### **Service Requirement**

- Post-16 'personalised inclusion places' for learners enrolled in school – potentially linked to the Extended Schools programme.
- Participants receive personalised learning and IAG support package, though multi-agency working, reducing their risk of becoming NEET.

It is essential that schools are identified and show commitment to the project. Additionally, tenders should demonstrate linkage and partnership working with:

- Extended schools;
- Local authorities;
- Connexions;
- 14-19 partnerships;
- Voluntary and Community Sector;
- Youth Offending Teams.

### **Target Groups & Priority**

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- Female Participants (51%).

## Geography / Area of Delivery

Projects should reflect the number of NEET beneficiary in the relevant London Borough.

## Outputs

869 young people undertaking appropriate personalised learning programme and accessing a personalised support package.

Suggested Outputs:

- Participant assessment, planning and support
- Start on Skills for Life/Basic Skills qualifications
- Start on non-accredited learning activity
- Start on accredited learning activity
- Start on qualification at Level 1 or National Level 1

## Results

695 young people retained in education, or progressing to employment or training.

Suggested Results:

- Achievement of Skills for Life/Basic Skills qualification
- Achievement of non-accredited learning activity
- Achievement of accredited learning activity
- Achievement of qualification at Level 1 or National Level 1
- Progression/Destination to learning except Higher Education
- Participants in work 26 weeks after leaving the programme
- Participants in learning after 26 weeks

## Other outcomes

Not applicable.

## Funding available

£2,665,223 @ £3067 per participant.

## Start and end dates

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