

## **MONEY TO PROMOTE EMPLOYABILITY IN GREATER MANCHESTER**

£1,603,445 is being made available to improve the employability of priority groups in Greater Manchester.

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The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) in Greater Manchester is allocating £1,603,445 European Social Fund (ESF) Objective 3 money to improve the employability of priority groups through the provision of one-to-one Skills for Life and vocational support along the pathway to work.

ESF Objective 3 money aims to improve people's skills and employment prospects by:

- tackling long-term unemployment
- helping young people and those at risk from not being able to find work
- improving training, education and counselling for lifelong learning
- encouraging entrepreneurship and adaptability in the workplace and,
- promoting equal opportunities and improving the role of women in the workplace.

The LSC is seeking to invite tenders to deliver projects which have been identified in our invitation to tender. An overview of activities, along with further guidance, can be found at: [www.lsc.gov.uk/regions/northwest/tendering](http://www.lsc.gov.uk/regions/northwest/tendering). The deadline for proposals to be submitted is 12 noon on Monday 2 April 2007.

The LSC is keen to work with a diverse range of organisations to provide opportunities and to meet local needs and priorities.

Elaine Bowker, Director of Area for the Learning and Skills Council in Greater Manchester, said, "We are delighted to allocate this ESF money which will enable the LSC to give greater support to learners in Greater Manchester. The ESF funding, which aims to develop employment by promoting employability, the business spirit, equal opportunities and investing in human resource development, will enable providers to deliver additional activities throughout Greater Manchester."

For further information on the work of the LSC in the North West visit

[www.lsc.gov.uk/regions/northwest](http://www.lsc.gov.uk/regions/northwest) and for information on ESF visit [www.esf.gov.uk](http://www.esf.gov.uk).

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#### **Learning and Skills Council:**

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.

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