

MONEY TO PROMOTE EMPLOYABILITY IN CHESHIRE AND WARRINGTON

£1,489,000 is being made available to improve the employability of priority groups in Cheshire and Warrington.

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The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) in Cheshire and Warrington is allocating £1,489,000 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 invitations to tender. An overview of activities, along with further guidance, can be found at: 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.

Liz Davis, Director of Area for the Learning and Skills Council in Cheshire and Warrington, said, “We are delighted to allocate this ESF money which will enable the LSC to give greater support to learners in Cheshire and Warrington. The ESF funding will enable providers to help priority groups of learners to gain employment or training and promote enterprise and equality throughout Cheshire and Warrington.”

For further information on the work of the LSC in the North West visit www.lsc.gov.uk/regions/northwest and for information on ESF visit 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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