

ESF Funding in Plymouth

The main ones would be -

- **ESFA Opt In - Heart of the South West Apprenticeship Service (Serco, £1.75m)** – Supporting people in employment to undertake an apprenticeship, as well as providing support to business to take on an apprentice. 757 individuals supported through to December 2017, against a target of 435.
- **ESFA Opt In - Devon and Somerset Skills for Young People (CSW, £0.97m)** – Support for young people at risk of becoming NEET to access the labour market. 256 individuals supported against a target of 401.
- **ESFA Opt in - Skills Support for the Workforce (LearnDirect, £5.97m)** – Support for small and medium sized employers to identify skills gaps, create training place and undertake relevant training. 1,615 individuals supported to date from 128 businesses, against a target of 1,870 individuals and 180 businesses.
- **Building Better Opportunities (Big Lottery / Pluss / CSW / PETROC, £7.8m)** – A range of project activity aimed at supporting both young people and those over 25 into employment from our most vulnerable communities. 356 individuals assisted to date.
- **Direct Call - Hidden Talent (£2.1m)** – Working across HE and FE in the HotSW to widen participation amongst those least likely to engage in higher level study. Awarded in January 2017.
- **Direct Call - Strategic Employer Engagement (£1.1m)** – Being taken forward by a consortium of HE and FE partners in the HotSW, with a focus on engaging employers in curriculum development and enhancing apprenticeships / professional development opportunities. Awarded in January.

These tend to be transition and more developed together, but are running across the area including Plymouth. The Learn Direct contract has now completed, but the others are still live.

We also currently have three further calls out which capture Plymouth -

- **Young Opportunities (OCI6SI8PI151)** – A £1.98 million (£0.98 million for the 'More Developed' area of Somerset and £1 million for the 'Transition' area of Devon, Plymouth and Torbay) ESF call for projects to support young people to access good quality careers and employment thereby avoiding Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) status in Heart of the South West LEP area.
- **Skills in Employment (OCI6SI8PI152)** – A £7 million (c. £2.33 million for the 'More Developed' area of Somerset and c. £4.67 million for the 'transition' area of Devon, Plymouth and Torbay) ESF call for projects offering employed individuals the opportunity to progress their skills, with a particular focus on intermediate / technical and higher-level skills (e.g. NVQ Level 3 and 4) as well as high demand skills at lower levels which enable growth (e.g. NVQ Level 2 qualifications within transformational / opportunity sectors).

- **Shaping Future Skills Provision (OCI6SI8PI153)** – A £1.15 million (£0.15 million for the ‘More Developed’ area of Somerset and £1 million for the ‘Transition’ area of Devon, Plymouth and Torbay) ESF call for projects to enhance the labour market relevance of skills provision in Heart of the South West LEP area