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SOUTH EAST LEP **CELEBRATING SKILLS**

An overview of our skills investments
and projects to 2020



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FOREWORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

We are thrilled to share information outlining our skills capital and European Social Fund (ESF) investments, totalling nearly £100m across our LEP area. This will have a significant impact on our skills landscape, our employers, individuals and our communities.

We are committed to building a strong and inclusive economy and ensuring that all in society can benefit from significant jobs growth and opportunities. We wish to build a joined up, responsive skills system locally and this principle is applied to all projects.

We have achieved a lot over the last few years and it's fantastic seeing these projects delivering and leading edge facilities being used. This is changing lives. It is helping us to tackle our skills shortages, to be competitive nationally and internationally and to respond to growing unfilled vacancies in a range of sectors from engineering and IT to health and care. This has been the result of strong partnerships, working with our local authorities, employers, colleges, schools, training providers, universities and voluntary and community sector, all of whom we'd like to thank. Collectively, we have much to be proud of.

There is still much to do. We require further investments to create more inspiring, fit for purpose facilities. We still have significant numbers of people with no or low qualifications and who are unemployed. Our apprenticeship numbers need to increase substantially. Many jobs at entry level through to highly skilled go unfilled. We need to tackle this collectively, we can all make a difference whether it's recruiting an apprentice or intern, working with a local school or helping to shape our future funding priorities.

I hope you find this brochure informative, will engage with the projects outlined and help us to build a first class skills system.

Christian Brodie, South East LEP Chair

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SELEP's SKILLS ADVISORY GROUP AND OUR EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS BOARDS

"Our LEP operates as a fully devolved model, working closely with local partners and deliverers. SELEP's Skills Advisory Group formed of colleges, universities, local authorities, training providers and voluntary sector representatives is the driving force and sounding board for skills work across SELEP.

We also work closely with our employer led Employment and Skills Boards (ESBs) which have a leading role in shaping the skills agenda. Representatives from the Boards formed a panel evaluating skills capital bids for 2014-16 before approval by SELEP's Accountability Board and independent evaluation.

The Boards and Skills Advisory Group also helped to shape priorities for ESF. It continues to have a key role in future work, such as the forthcoming Skills Strategy which will firmly articulate the uniqueness of our area, strong evidence based approach and size and scale of the challenge and opportunity."



Graham Razey, Principal East Kent and Canterbury College, Chair LEP Skills Advisory Group

"In my capacity as Chair of Skills East Sussex, in speaking to my counterparts elsewhere and as an employer, it is clear that skills is a priority issue for all employers across all sectors. It is therefore very positive that we have been able to input and shape skills capital and programmes locally to respond to this.

It is great to see such strong employer led partnerships across SELEP's area and we look forward to sharing best practice and working together to deliver growth."



Martin Ellis, RSE Group Ltd, Chair Skills East Sussex

"As an employer and Chair of the Kent and Medway Skills Commission, I have been pleased to be involved in evaluations for Skills capital funding to ensure that these are responding to industry need.

It is excellent to see this now translating into equipment and buildings on the ground which can deliver what we as employers need and which will inspire young people and adults to train.

Working with my counterparts in Essex and East Sussex, we are positive in looking to the future and how we can collectively continue to make a real difference to the skills landscape."



Paul Winter, Wire Belt Co Ltd, Chair Kent and Medway Skills Commission

"It is very positive to be working in partnership across SELEP's area to deliver our shared ambition for a leading skills system. As employers, we are experiencing skills shortages across our sectors, which include health, care, advanced manufacturing, IT, finance, construction and logistics.

Having the right facilities in place and programmes to tackle this will make a significant difference. We have been pleased to be involved in helping to shape this together with our partner employers in Opportunity South Essex and look forward to delivering more in the future."



Suzanne Jude, Raytheon UK, Chair Essex Employment and Skills Board

OUR SKILLS CAPITAL INVESTMENTS 2014-2017

Our LEP area received a total allocation of £22 million Skills Capital Funding from the Skills Funding Agency (SFA, now Education and Skills Funding Agency or ESFA). This has enabled 29 projects which were funded across four funding rounds, with roughly a 50% match funding contribution from local authorities, colleges and the private sector.

Enabling us to support leading edge, industry relevant facilities and equipment, projects are aligned to our growth sectors and enable the delivery of a significant number of qualifications and apprenticeships.

Collectively to 2021, these projects will deliver an additional 15,000 qualifications, 7,300 apprenticeships, and nearly 22,000 square metres of new and improved learning and training floor space.

This will make a huge and vital contribution to responding to economic growth and ensuring a pipeline of appropriately skilled people. We are very proud to tell you a little about each project and hope you will be inspired to find out more.

Our Round One projects:

Hadlow College Group (Ashford College redevelopment Phase 1) **£9,800,000**

SELEP's contribution towards a campus redevelopment at Ashford College enabled the removal of outdated, poor quality estate and established up to date, industry relevant facilities. The college will be delivering training in construction, engineering, health, social care and digital media and will support an additional 927 learners per year including apprenticeships.

Find out more at www.ashford.ac.uk



STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Manufacturing) **Innovation Centre at Braintree Colchester Institute, £3,640,000**

This funding supported the construction of a two storey STEM Innovation Centre at Colchester Institute's Braintree campus, marking a significant milestone in Colchester Institute's visionary plans to align campus facilities to the skills needs of Braintree district. Further strengthening links between the College and employers, the centre will deliver training from levels 2 to 5 in advanced manufacturing, fabrication and welding, robotics and service engineering alongside brickwork, plumbing and electrical installations to help meet the rapidly growing local demand for construction skills. The project will support an additional 466 learners every year including higher-level apprenticeships.

Find out more at www.colchester.ac.uk



STEM Innovation Centre at Braintree

Our Round One Projects (contd)

Harlow Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Centre of Excellence at (HAMEC) at Harlow College, £2,500,000

SELEP's funding towards this project enabled the establishment of the HAMEC at Harlow College, which includes industry relevant leading edge equipment. The centre supports engineering, manufacturing, building services, IT and new technologies and includes equipment such as testing facilities, 3D modelling and has double height ceilings for robotics. The Centre will support an additional 200 learners per year including apprenticeships.

Find out more at www.hamec.ac.uk



HAMEC at Harlow College

Sussex Downs College, Refurbished Science facilities (£80,000) and First Floor Laboratory (£39,515)

Part of a new STEM Centre, SELEP's funding contributed towards a new reception / hub. Sussex Downs were originally awarded £159,440. Due to cost savings with their original project, in May 2017 SELEP's Accountability Board approved the utilisation of underspend to enhance the first floor laboratory, as part of the broader project.

The Centre will deliver STEM based training for sectors such as health and life sciences and will support 566 additional learners per year, including apprenticeships.

Find out more at www.sussexdowns.ac.uk

Our Round Two projects:

Science Hub at Writtle College, £38,806

SELEP's contribution to this project enabled specialist equipment to underpin the development of a bio-veterinary and applied bioscience hub including digital camera equipped microscopes, spectrophotometers chemical refrigerators and incubators.

The Hub will deliver training in animal veterinary equine, sport, horticulture and agricultural science and will support at least 12 new learners per year.

Find out more at www.writtle.ac.uk

Specialist equipment for the HAMEC at Harlow College, £346,572

SELEP's funding enabled the purchase of further specialist equipment within the HAMEC, described above, in the round 1 funding. Equipment includes moulding machinery, measuring and CAD machines and further ensures the industry relevance of the HAMEC and sectors it supports.

Find out more at www.hamec.ac.uk



HAMEC at Harlow College

Centre of Excellence for Advanced Industrial Technologies and Engineering Manufacture, South Essex College, £73,475

SELEP's contribution to this project supported two new workshops to create an Industrial Technologies Centre and Welding and Fabrication Centre. With equipment such as power rollers and hydraulic press the centre will deliver training in engineering and industrial technologies and will support an additional 120 learners per year, including apprenticeships.

Find out more at www.southessex.ac.uk

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Skills Centre at Colchester Institute and Energy Skills Centre in Harwich, £161,687

SELEP's contribution to this project enabled the purchase of equipment for the new STEM Centre and Energy Skills Centre in Harwich, including a simulation rig, plasma cutter, threading machine and welding sets.

This will deliver training in advanced manufacturing and engineering and will support 160 additional learners per year, including apprenticeships.

Find out more at www.colchester.ac.uk

Our Round Three projects:

Extension to construction facilities in Folkestone, East Kent College, £1,360,000

SELEP's funding has supported an extension to construction facilities in Folkestone to keep up with demand from employers.

The facilities enable construction training and will support an additional 100 learners per year, including apprenticeships.

Find out more at www.eastkent.ac.uk

Specialist Equipment for STEM Centre, Sussex Downs College, £74,914

SELEP's funding enabled the purchase of further specialist equipment within the STEM Centre described above in the round 1 funding. Equipment includes digital melting point apparatus, mass spectrometer and science equipment.

This will enable further training for STEM based sectors, such as engineering and medical and will support 35 additional learners per year including apprenticeships.

Find out more at www.sussexdowns.ac.uk

North Kent Dealership Centre, Gravesend, North Kent College, £141,850

SELEP's funding contributed to a project creating a new Motor Vehicle Dealership Centre, created from the redevelopment of a redundant Sports Hall. This will enable the delivery of motor vehicle training to respond to high employer need.

This will support an additional 82 additional learners per year, including apprenticeships.

Find out more at www.northkent.ac.uk

Digital Labs for the Construction, Health and Social Care and Science Sectors, Harlow College, £350,000

SELEP's funding has enabled the refurbishment of college buildings and installation of a suite of digital technology labs and equipment such as CAD machines and sensors.

This will deliver digital training in the construction, health, care and science sectors. It will support an additional 175 learners per year, including apprenticeships.

Find out more at www.harlow-college.ac.uk

Equipment for Raising Essex STEM Skills to Higher levels, Colchester Institute, £52,304

SELEP's funding has enabled the purchase of equipment for delivery of STEM subjects, particularly at higher level. This includes microscopes, incubators and a furnace to enable training for health, care, science, IT

and digital, refrigeration and air conditioning. This will support an additional 495 learners per year, including apprenticeships.

Find out more at www.colchester.ac.uk

Growing apprenticeship and skills training in engineering, Plumpton College, £88,474

SELEP's contribution to this project enabled the refurbishment of existing space to create a learning facility for higher level technical skills and remodelling of existing engineering workshop space. This is supported by new fabrication and engineering equipment and delivers training for the engineering, motor vehicle, agriculture and welding sectors. This will support an additional 188 additional learners per year, including apprenticeships.

Find out more at www.plumpton.ac.uk

Advanced Construction, Infrastructure and telecoms, Procat College, £306,421

LEP funding has enabled the purchase of equipment to deliver new training and qualifications in engineering and construction areas, such as reality software, digital levels and surveying equipment. This will enable training in surveying, construction management, civil engineering and building information modelling and will support an additional 260 learners per year, including apprenticeships.

Find out more at www.procat.ac.uk



Centre of Excellence for Logistics, South Essex College Thurrock Campus, £27,407

SELEP's funding has enabled the purchase of equipment for a Centre of Excellence for Logistics including simulation 'sea berth' software, warehouse design and simulation software and warehouse racking. This will deliver training for the logistics sector and will support an additional 62 learners per year, including apprenticeships.

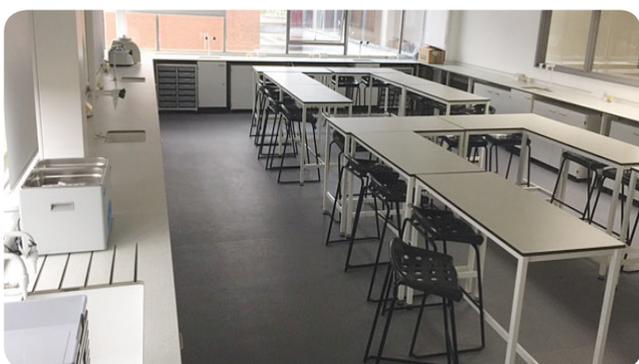
Find out more at www.southessex.ac.uk

Our Round Two Projects (contd)

Science to support the Health Professionals, South Essex College Basildon campus, £148,972

SELEP's contribution has enabled the upgrade of science facilities and purchase of new equipment including analytical, physics and microscopy. This will deliver training for the health and medical sectors and will support 70 additional learners per year, including apprenticeships.

Find out more at www.southessex.ac.uk



Specialist Equipment Ashford phase 1a, Hadlow Group, £427,500

Supporting the project described above within Round 1 funding, LEP funding enabled the purchase of equipment to support the redevelopment. This includes electric eco car kits, electronic lathes and house self-build packages. This enables training for motor vehicle, mechanical engineering, transport and construction and will support an additional 184 learners per year, including apprenticeships.

Find out more at www.ashford.ac.uk

Health Science Laboratory, Mid Kent College, Maidstone, £235,063

SELEP's investment has enabled the creation of a new health and science laboratory with equipment, including an environmental chamber. This will deliver training for the health and life sciences sector and will support an additional 280 learners per year including apprenticeships.

Find out more at www.midkent.ac.uk

Engineering Skills Growth Hub, Mid Kent College, Medway, £198,500

SELEP's funding supports the expansion of engineering workshops with testing and analysis equipment. This is delivering training for the manufacturing, motor trades, transport and storage sector and will support an additional 410 learners every year.

Find out more at www.midkent.ac.uk

Our Round Four projects:

Industry Standard Surveying Equipment and Social Laboratory for Technical Construction, Chelmsford College, £57,490

SELEP's funding has enabled the purchase of high quality, up to date surveying design and soil mechanics testing equipment relevant to the technical construction sector.

This will deliver training for the civil and technical construction sector and will support an additional 405 learners per year, including apprenticeships.

Find out more at www.chelmsford.ac.uk

Court Lane Horticultural Nurseries – Enhancing Specialist Facilities, Hadlow College, Tonbridge, £447,000

SELEP's funding has supported the development of a commercial amenity horticulture complex through new technology, including IT facilities, a science laboratory and cold storage facilities.

The complex will deliver training for food production and security, commercial, landscape and production horticulture. This will support an additional 135 learners per year, including apprenticeships.

Find out more at www.hadlow.ac.uk

Foundation Learning at Princess Christians Farm Campus, Hadlow College, £385,000

SELEP's support for this project has enabled the creation of a modern learning environment for foundation learning and supporting those with learning difficulties and disabilities including new classrooms and tractor training facilities for people with disabilities.

This will deliver training for agriculture, horticulture, care, retail and catering and will support 165 learners per year.

Find out more at www.hadlow.ac.uk

Transport and Logistics Skills Hub, Mid Kent College, Swale Skills Centre, £82,000

SELEP's funding has enabled the creation of a dedicated training hub for the transport and logistics sector, with equipment such as simulation software.

It will deliver training for the transport and logistics sector and support an additional 15 learners per year, including apprenticeships.

Find out more at www.midkent.ac.uk

Thameside Jetty, North Kent College, £64,500

SELEP's funding has supported a project to refresh and equip the Thameside Jetty to ensure it is fit for purpose, including cabling, security measures and davits.

This will enable delivery in for maritime, including seamanship, survival, health and safety and will support an additional 30 learners per year including apprenticeships.

Find out more at www.northkent.ac.uk



Science and Engineering for Tree Management, Plumpton College, £140,000

SELEP's funding has supported a project to refurbish and equip unsuitable space to provide a technical skills testing suite, training suite for computer tomography and refurbishment of a workshop.

This will deliver training for engineering and science applications to tree management and will support an additional 87 learners per year including apprenticeships.

Find out more at www.plumpton.ac.uk

Development of Construction facilities in Basildon to support economic growth, South Essex College, Basildon campus, £366,705

SELEP's funding has enabled the creation of a new construction facility linked with the development of new homes in the area and in partnership with Redrow Homes, including plastering bays, brickwork and joinery areas.

This will deliver training for the construction sector and will support 128 additional learners per year, including apprenticeships.

Find out more at www.southessex.ac.uk



The E-Hub at Harlow College, £116,783

SELEP's funding has supported the development of an E-Hub focused on enterprise, entrepreneurship and e-skills which includes conferencing facilities, virtual reality training software and large touch screens.

This will deliver digital and related training for advanced manufacturing, logistics, health sciences, finance and digital sectors and will support an additional 2,400 learners by 2020.

Find out more at www.harlow-college.ac.uk

Canterbury College Swale Campus Construction Extension, £223,798

SELEP's funding supports construction facilities including provision for bricklaying, carpentry, wall and floor tiling.

This will deliver training for the construction sector and will support an additional 155 additional learners per year, including apprenticeships.

Find out more at www.canterburycollege.ac.uk

FUTURE GROWTH FUNDING FOR SKILLS

In February 2017, the Government confirmed a Local Growth fund (LGF) Deal Three Programme for the SELEP area. This includes skills projects, which are at different stages in assessment:

Technical and Professional Skills Centre at Stansted Airport

Stansted Airport and Harlow College, supported by Essex County Council and £3.5million LGF will develop and deliver a Technical and Professional Skills Centre at the airport.

The Centre will provide training to meet current and future skills gaps (specifically science, technology, engineering, maths or STEM), aircraft maintenance and engineering; operational and plant engineering, logistics, supply chain management, higher-level customer care industries and the visitor economy.

Training will include apprenticeships and higher-level qualifications from levels 3 to 5, to respond to growing demand. This project was approved by SELEP's Accountability Board in May. The Centre will open in September 2018.

Find out more at www.harlow-college.ac.uk

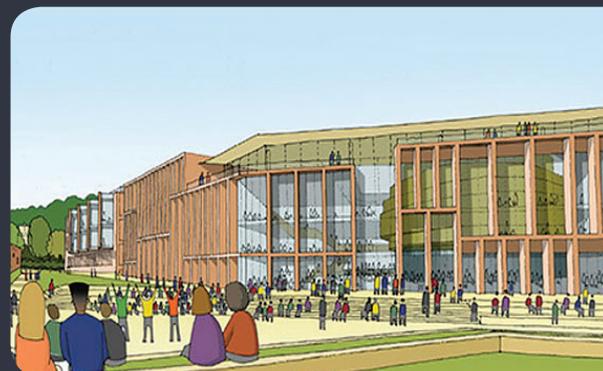


Kent and Medway Engineering Design, Growth and Enterprise (EDGE Hub)

Canterbury Christ Church University, supported by £6.1 million LGF will develop a transformative 3,588m2 teaching and research centre with satellite facilities at the Discovery Park (Dover), Canterbury Christ Church's Medway Campus and other parts of Kent.

The EDGE Hub will deliver technical, professional opportunities (from degree apprenticeships to doctoral programmes) in Engineering, Product Design and Technology. This project will seek final approval at SELEP's Accountability Board in September.

Find out more at www.canterbury.ac.uk/about-us/master-planning-review/master-planning-review.aspx



STEM Innovation Campus, Colchester Institute

Colchester Institute, supported by Essex County Council and £5million LGF will develop STEM and Health and Social Care provision at Braintree and Colchester campuses.

With a strong emphasis on STEM, this will offer specialisms in health and care and respond to growing skills shortages. This project will seek approval at a future LEP Accountability Board.

Further information about all Local Growth Fund projects at www.southeastlep.com/growth-deal

OUR EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF) PROJECTS



ESF focuses on improving employment opportunities, promoting social inclusion and investing in skills by providing the help people need to fill their potential.

(UK Government statement)



Our LEP was allocated c£71 million ESF for 2014-2020. Approximately £51 million of this has been committed to projects now delivering. The focus for funding and allocations were outlined in SELEP's European and Structural Investment Fund (ESIF) Strategy, based on input from local partners and agreed by SELEP's ESIF Committee.

ESF funds have to be equally matched and for the current projects delivering, the match was provided by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), Education and Skills funding Agency (SFA, now Education Skills Funding Agency) and Big Lottery. This has enabled the 'escalator of opportunity' model to ensure support for individuals at various stages.

SELEP's ambition is that this funding should complement other investments and activity such as the capital outlined above. Funded programmes include supporting apprenticeships, in work training and supporting unemployed people in employment and there is a strong alignment to LEP priority sectors. All funding is overseen by the DWP in a Managing Authority capacity.



Our European Social Fund (ESF) Projects (contd)

We are very pleased to be able to tell you a little more about our projects currently delivering:

Social Inclusion: Youth Employment Initiative, On Track Thurrock to 2018

Thurrock Council and partners are delivering a project to support unemployed 16-29 year olds in Thurrock into or closer to employment. Support includes intensive mentoring, training courses and careers advice.

Find out more at www.thurrock.gov.uk/career-support-for-young-people/ontrack-opportunities

Big Lottery ESF Projects to 2020

Our Big Lottery projects are local projects, supporting different cohorts, furthest from the labour market. The following projects are delivering in different geographies across SELEP's, with some in specific locations.

For further information and to see maps of where delivery is based see

www.southeastlep.com/skills/esf

Social Inclusion: Big Lottery – Gingerbread 'Working Forward'

Gingerbread, the charity for single parent families are providing support across SELEP's area through their programme 'Working Forward'. Parents not in work receive support through an individual mentor who will help them to overcome their barriers to engagement through information, advice and guidance.

Support is tailored to individual need but can include employability training, help with training work placements or sector vocational training.

For more information contact

lisa.saunders@gingerbread.org.uk

Social Inclusion: Big Lottery – 4SX 'The Way to Work'

4SX, a consortium of voluntary sector partners are supporting carers in Essex, Southend and Thurrock through their programme 'The Way to Work'.

Carers will work with a key worker who will be able to access the range of specialist support of the consortium to remove barriers that carers face and help them to become employment ready.

For more information contact

info@4sx.org.uk

Social Inclusion: Big Lottery – Ixion Holdings 'Connecting Choices'

Ixion Holdings are supporting those furthest from the labour market towards or into volunteering, training or employment.

Those supported include people with mental health barriers, those with housing challenges and ex offenders. Help includes employability-focused, health, housing, personal development and rehabilitative support.

For more information contact

john.newland@ixionholdings.com



Social Inclusion: Big Lottery – Enable East 'Heads Up'

Enable East are supporting people with mental health problems to return to employment and /or training, working with a range of partners.

'Heads up' supports individuals on a journey to identify their strengths, build their confidence and well-being, set personal goals, prepare for the job market and take the first steps into moving back into employment and / or training.

The programme includes 1:1 support, high quality motivational training, vocational training, work placements and active work.

For more information contact

rachel.jennings@enableeast.org.uk

Social Inclusion: Big Lottery – Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) 'Essex Rural Skills Project'

RCCE are supporting older people in rural areas towards employment or volunteering. This includes skills for employment such as carpentry, construction, woodland / land management, environment, conservation, horticulture, food and nutrition and life skills. The programme provides a holistic approach.

For more information contact

jacqui.stone@essexrcc.org.uk

Social Inclusion: Big Lottery – Papworth Trust 'Community Connections'

Papworth Trust are supporting people with long-term health issues and disabilities towards employment. Individuals are supported towards employment, training, job search or sustainable employment. The approach is focused around the individual, working

at a pace that works for them and focusing on their aspirations and finding training and employment that is meaningful for them.

For more information contact
helen.stanley@papworthtrust.org.uk

Social Inclusion: Big Lottery- Royal British Legion Industries (RBLI) 'Better Opportunities: Brighter Futures'

RBLI are assisting individuals who have difficulties sustaining support with specialist, in depth assessments, career advice and guidance to overcome barriers which may impact on sustainability of employment, such as mental health conditions.

This includes in work support to maximise the potential of employment being sustained and working with employers to help them enhance support mechanisms.

For more information contact
lesley.collins@rbli.co.uk

Social Inclusion: Big Lottery – Porchlight 'Aspirations'

Porchlight are supporting individuals with mental health issues which have been a barrier to work. Support includes a personalised plan including areas such as resilience and self confidence.

The programme focuses on rural and coastal areas in Kent, Medway and East Sussex.

For more information contact
aspirations@porchlight.org.uk

Social Inclusion: Big Lottery – Social Enterprise Kent 'Lots More To Offer'

Social Enterprise Kent are supporting older people into employment. Support includes an employer toolkit, focusing on opportunities for those that are aged 45+. Support includes one to one advice and support from an Employment Support Advisor, access to training, job search and interview preparation skills.

For more information contact
n.ross@sekgroup.org.uk

Social Inclusion: Big Lottery – Sussex Community Development Association (SCDA) 'Let's Get Working'

SCDA are supporting people with long-term health issues and / or a disability to become more socially and / or economically active. GPs and other health professionals will be able to "socially prescribe" their patients to the project for complimentary, person centred, non-medical support aimed at addressing wellbeing, community engagement, social inclusion and employment needs.

For more information contact
zara@sussexcommunity.org.uk

Nearer the labour market: DWP - Reed in Partnership 'Work Routes' to 2020

Reed in Partnership is working with RBLI and APM to deliver a programme called 'Work Routes' across SELEP's area.

This helps long-term unemployed people aged 16 and above to start and sustain work by overcoming barriers with a range of personal, one to one support for up to a year. Help is available for those further and nearer the labour market.

Support is available for areas such as health conditions, housing, money management, life skills, interview skills, CV writing and volunteering. Participants also receive support once they are in work for 26 weeks with career development and progression.

For more information see
www.workroutes.co.uk/south-east



Basic and Higher Skills: ESFA – SEETEC and Skills Training UK (STUK) 'Enhancing Apprenticeships' to 2018

SEETEC and STUK are delivering the 'Enhancing Apprenticeships' programme in Essex, Southend and Thurrock (SEETEC), Kent, Medway and East Sussex (STUK).

Working with partners, the programme is aimed at inactive 15-25 years who are supported with learning opportunities in priority sectors such as digital, construction, engineering and health. Individuals can access 1:1 support in order to progress to apprenticeships, employment and further education.

For more information, see
www.seetec.co.uk/enhancing-apprenticeships-essex

(Essex, Southend and Thurrock) or contact
grahamclarke@skillstraininguk.com
(Kent, Medway and East Sussex).

Big Lottery ESF Projects (contd)

Basic and Higher Skills: ESFA – East Kent College
'Digital Skills for people in Employment' to 2018

East Kent College is delivering a programme to support digital skills for people in employment. Courses are at level 3 and above, aligned to LEP priority sector.

The project is delivering across the SELEP area to 2018.

For more information, see

www.eastkent.ac.uk/sites/default/files/documents/Other/ESF_DigitalFlyer%20v2.pdf



Basic and Higher level Skills: ESFA – Ixion Holdings
'Skills for Growth and Careers' to 2018

Ixion Holdings and partners are delivering higher-level skills (level 3 plus) for people in employment, aligned to LEP priority sectors. The project is delivering across the SELEP area to 2020.

For more information see

www.ixionholdings.leadpages.co/selep-employer

Basic and Higher level Skills: ESFA – Skills Training UK (STUK) 'Basic Skills Support in the Workplace' to 2018

STUK and partners are offering basic skills training to low skilled employees aged 19 and above up to level two. This includes English for Speakers of other Languages (ESOL) and Literacy. Individuals can also access other short courses, to enhance opportunities to progress within the workplace.

Individuals are also supported into Apprenticeships and further education. This programme is for SME employers (with less than 250 employees) within LEP priority sectors. The project is delivering across the SELEP area to 2018.

For more information, contact

grahamclarke@skillstraininguk.com

Basic and Higher level Skills: ESFA – Skills Training UK (STUK) 'Numeracy Skills Support in the Workplace' to 2018

STUK and partners are offering numeracy skills support to employed individuals aged 19 and above to raise their qualification by at least one level and to increase numbers with a level 2.

Individuals can also access other short courses to enable them to progress within the workplace. The programme supports employers of any size within LEP priority sectors. The project is delivering across the SELEP area to 2018.

For more information, contact

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FUTURE ESF PRIORITIES

The SELEP area has approximately £20 million ESF allocation, which will require 50% match funding. Some of these funds (£5 million) have been ring-fenced for Community Led Local Development, which is matched. There will be a workshop to explore the focus of remaining ESF in September, which will also be informed by the forthcoming LEP Skills Evidence Base.

Future calls will be published online and shared at www.southeastlep.com/skills/esf

ADDITIONAL LEP SKILLS WORK

As this booklet outlines, skills capital, ESF and the monitoring and shaping of these to ensure they fit with local priorities are key priorities for SELEP's area. In addition, there are a number of other areas of skills related work:

- The SELEP Skill Strategy and Evidence Base are under consultation and a final publication is due in October 2017. This will set out a shared vision, priorities and evidence base for SELEP's area going forward.
- SELEP supports the Careers Enterprise Company (CEC) Enterprise Advisor Network delivering across SELEP's area to pair senior business volunteers with schools and colleges.
- In partnership with local Skills Boards, SELEP provided input to the recent Area Reviews of Further Education. Final reports will be shared on the SELEP website.
- SELEP supports apprenticeship growth and through a successful proposal to the ESFA, a range of apprenticeship readiness activities have been funded, including employer events, videos, infographics and factsheets. Working in partnership with the National Careers Service, a series of videos promoting adult apprenticeships have also been produced.
- The Skills Advisory Group is exploring pilot projects such as an online portal for careers, skills, jobs and related information and programmes.

Further information about SELEP is available at www.southeastlep.com and visit the skills section at www.southeastlep.com/skills

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We would like to thank Harlow College for hosting our Skills Showcase event on 7th July and producing this booklet.





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