

The London Councils NRF ESF Co-financing Programme 2006-08

The NRF ESF Co-financing programme 2006-08 aligns the priorities of Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) and European Social Fund (ESF) to fund projects which promote active labour market policies, the employability of excluded individuals in the community, lifelong learning and adaptability and entrepreneurship. Projects funded will equip individuals with the personal and occupational skills they need to access and compete effectively in the labour market.

The money has been made available to fund projects that promote social and economic inclusion for some of the most excluded individuals and individuals at risk of unemployment. All projects have employability as their overarching focus.

Three projects with a total value of £1m have been approved under this funding stream to combat worklessness in Haringey (lead partner in brackets). These include a demand-led job brokerage service delivered across the borough, focusing on presenting sustainable employment opportunities to workless residents; a project extending job brokerage, training and support to enable lone parents, to access entry level jobs in the Health and Social Care Sector; a project assisting beneficiaries from disadvantaged backgrounds to access employability training, outreach, IAG, Skills assessment, vocational training, personal development and employability training to help them progress into jobs.

The projects are:

- **Getting Haringey Working (At Work)**

This is a demand-led job brokerage service delivered across the borough, focusing on presenting sustainable employment opportunities to workless residents. A partnership ensures effective support meeting labour market demand and supply with 400 residents offered IAG, employability actions, job search of which 180 will enter employment and 30 into self-employment.

- **Employment Pathways to Health (Haringey Primary Care Trust)**

Building on the success of an earlier programme for lone parents this project will extend job brokerage, training and support to enable lone parents, including teenage lone parents from Black and Minority Ethnic communities, especially linguistic minorities to access entry level jobs in the Health and Social Care Sector. A key aspect of the project will be the provision of guaranteed interviews for Haringey residents who meet the Person Spec for jobs at the PCT.

- **Learn for Work (I Can Do It Ltd.)**

The project will assist 250 beneficiaries from disadvantaged backgrounds to access employability training, outreach, IAG, Skills assessment, vocational training, personal development and employability training to help them progress into jobs.

This programme has a geographic focus on Haringey's NRF wards and is open to all residents from all communities in those wards. Satisfactory progress on spend and outputs have been reported through claims submitted to London Councils and verified by officers from Economic Regeneration in meetings with the interventions.