

## ESF Community Community Grants Grant Recipients to date

Grant Recipient	Region	Outline of Project
African Youth Development Association	London South	An employment and training programme engaging hard to reach communities who may have experienced or are at risk of harmful cultural practices to develop self-esteem, boost self-confidence and gain employability skills.
Balance Support CIC	London South	An all women project offering a bespoke service for women who are parents or carers returning to the labour market. Participant led activities include CV writing, seeking appropriate further education/training, social media profiles and mentoring and coaching.
Commonside Community Development Trust	London South	A project delivering a series of interactive workshops including problem solving searching for employment, practical skills in seeking employment and preparing for interview. In addition, 1-2-1 sessions for targeted support to improve chances of securing employment.
Croydon BME Forum	London South	A project for women that takes a holistic approach to economic inactivity and unemployment in women over 50. Activities include self-assessment, barriers, methods to improve in activity and motivation, peer support, inspirational activities and career and personal development support.
Elevating Success UK	London South	The 'Employability Skills' programme is an intensive training and skills development programme that provides training and mentoring support to ex-offenders and those at the sharpest end of the unemployment continuum, including those diagnosed with a mental health and disability. Providing direct employment field skills and in turn raising self-esteem,

		confidence and the harnessing of entrepreneurial skills (where this is a specific interest).
MI Comput Solutions	London South	A programme that meets learner needs by addressing low self-confidence, poor motivation, ESOL needs, under-developed job search skills alongside employer responsiveness to skill shortages. A mix of accredited and non-accredited classroom and employer-based learning provision that is flexible and relevant.
Royal Association for Deaf	London South	Delivering a one day a week service in Croydon. Activities include career advice, confidence building and self-presentation, financial capacity, access to work, workplace etiquette, basic skills, healthy living, travel training, career specific skills, tax, tax credit, universal credit, self-employment, CV preparation, job search and interview practice with interpreters.
Shared Enterprise CIC	London South	Using the organisation's game 'Go Start Up' learners will begin to assess their own entrepreneurial knowledge, skills and mindset and action plan to have a clearer sense of direction for their lives and careers through setting goals and steps to achieve them.
Signature Pictures	London South & C2C	A training programme that transforms the film production process into a live training environment, employing highly-skilled and experienced team to deliver a unique combination of classroom learning, 1-2-1 mentoring and on the job training across all film production roles. Designed to improve participants' confidence and motivation as well as providing practical skills and experience within the film industry.
Studio Upstairs	London South	A unique model in delivering therapeutic arts and health programme. Focussing on resolving underlying issues of isolation and distress encouraging people to engage through creative occupational activities. Use of qualified Therapists including Art Therapists, peer group discussions, artwork and participating in an art exhibition or presentation of work to a group.

The Write Time	London South	A project targeting women. With up to 6 months on programme, participants pick from a range of activities which build confidence/motivation and reduce isolation. Also includes workshops to remove digital barriers, mentoring and support to education or employment.
Brighton & Hove Food Partnership	C2C	A programme with a particular focus on 50+, those with disabilities and women introducing the range of employment opportunities within the food industry. The programme has two elements – structured learning sessions and 1-2-1s to support increased skills and confidence, with support into apprenticeships, employment, work experience, volunteering and/or further education.
Building Heroes Education Foundation	C2C	The programme will target veterans and ex-service personnel who are unemployed or economically inactive and can fall off the radar due to their disengagement with society. An accredited C&G Diploma, drop-ins for IAG and practical support, CV building and Job Seeking tips for finding employment, self-employment or further training.
Cute Dogs Consulting	C2C	A 4-month confidence building pre-employment training intervention for 20 young people with learning disability and physical and mental health barriers to work. Delivered in the format of group workshops and one-to-one sessions, encouraging them to work towards a formal educational outcome such as an NVQ in Customer Service.
London Learning Foundation	C2C	A 15-week programme developed to increase confidence and personal development skills and promote the wider motivation of some of Croydon's hardest to help residents. Offering flexible learning sessions blended with activity sessions with the community.
Wellies to Work	C2C	A work preparation programme in West Sussex working supporting people with learning disabilities who would like to acquire skills that could lead to commercial employment and increase their independence. Based on a biodynamic and organic working farm



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		students will have access to all aspects of running a farm including practical farm work, marketing, veg box scheme and ready meal scheme, labelling design and packaging and dealing with customers, developing a wide ranging skills-set and promotes emotional, physical and mental well-being through the therapeutic benefits of working outdoors and connecting with nature.
WREC	C2C	An engagement and support programme for hard-to-reach young people in Brighton, Hove, Newhaven and Shoreham. Designed to stretch horizons, challenge their thinking and develop their skills. Offering 1-2-1 support, mentoring and outdoor pursuits and activities to develop confidence, motivation, team working and communication skills. Includes 100hrs support for each young person.
YMCA Downslink Group	C2C	A programme of groupwork and activities which enables young people to acquire the life skills, employability skills and education they need to sustain independent living and move on successfully to their own place. The programme addresses practical and emotional needs, supports young people to be healthy, to become part of the community, to be good citizens, and to articulate their aspirations. Skills Advisors work alongside Key Workers and a Positive Placements team - a mentoring project of volunteer mentors within the community to offer objective, non-judgemental support to young people, integrating them and the community, working with them on how to achieve their ambitions and support them into work, learning or volunteering.