

European Social Fund Update

Fife Employability Forum
4th November 2013

ESF 2007-13

- Move away from individual challenge fund bids for employability
- Development of CPP-led Employability Pipeline programmes (13 across Scotland)
- Funding approved through Priority 1, Priority 5 and Youth Employment Scotland programmes

Third Sector Involvement in ESF Employability Pipeline

- Fife Voluntary Action
- Fife Employment Access Trust
- Gilven House (Scottish Christian Alliance)
- LINK
- Momentum
- Rathbone
- West Fife Enterprises Ltd

Challenges of ESF

- Match funding requirements
- Payments in arrears
- Verification and audit requirements
- Delays in claim payments

Moving forward 2014 – 20 Programmes

- Integration of funds
- Simplification
- Commissioning of activities
- Small number of strategic programmes supported

2014 – 20 Opportunities

- **SCVO – 3rd Sector Pre-employability Pipeline**
 - Community action Scotland
 - Digital Skills and Participation
 - Supporting disadvantaged groups across Scotland
- **Enhanced Employability Pipeline**
 - CPP led, incorporating Youth Employment Scotland
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