

ESFA Transition Programme in Swindon and Wiltshire 2019 - 2020

The Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership has agreed with the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) to provide co-funding to the European Social Fund (ESF) for delivery of a number of new services under the ESFA Transition Programme.

There will be a tender exercise to select the providers this summer, opening in mid-August 2018 in order for ESFA Transition Programme services to commence delivery in April 2019.

In conjunction with the Gloucestershire & Wiltshire partnership, the Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership will hold an event on Friday 31 August 2018 at 10am at Wiltshire Council's Monkton Park offices, for potential providers to gain a better understanding of the local priorities.

To join the event, please register your details [here](#)

Tenders leading to delivery of services in Swindon and Wiltshire will be published Department for Education [eTendering portal](#) alongside a total of around £250m of contracts being offered. A pre-qualifying questionnaire will be part of the tender, but potential providers that are already registered should receive alerts about the opportunities. The tender will only open for four weeks.

The ESFA Transition Programme is looking to agree contracts for delivery of three services in the Swindon and Wiltshire area. The ESFA will make contracts with providers to deliver services under ESF programme investment priorities:

- Priority 1.2 for people aged 15 - 24;
- Priority 2.1 for support to workforce and redundancy, and;
- Priority 1.4 to deliver a programme of Community Grants.

In brief, the Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership have local priorities for:

- Services that support people aged 15-24 years old who are NEET or at risk of NEET. In particular to help people disadvantaged in the labour market because of poor educational attainment, learning difficulties, mental or physical disability.
- Services which help local businesses by supporting the upskilling and reskilling of their workforces. The focuses of the service will be on supporting business digitalisation, helping people into apprenticeships, and leadership and management training in SMEs.
- A community grants scheme that addresses the Swindon and Wiltshire ESIF strategy promoting social inclusion theme, including support for inclusive enterprise, working with employers to establish paths into employment, and promoting inclusion through learning and volunteering.

For further information keep in touch on the Swindon and Wiltshire Growth Hub, or via the Julia Falaki at Gloucestershire & Wiltshire Partnership admin@gw-partnership.co.uk