

# East Lothian Challenge Fund

## **ESF Challenge Fund to Support Jobless People in East Lothian**

East Lothian Council has been approved a *European Social Fund 2014-2020* grant to administer a local Challenge Fund which will take forward projects in the East Lothian area to support the strategic employability skills pipeline.

The Challenge Fund was open to 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations. It will support projects which will assist in mitigating the impacts of inequalities and to actively target those clients who are furthest from the labour market and face a particularly challenging combination of barriers to employment.

Projects fit within the 5-stage employability pipeline and compliment existing provision. Projects address one of the following barriers:

- Unemployed males over 50 years old
- Criminal justice background
- Mental health issues
- Long term unemployed (both male and female)
- Care experienced

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The Scottish Government is the Managing Authority for the European Structural Funds 2014-2020 Programme. For further information follow @scotgovESIF

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