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The following Cheshire and Warrington ESF calls are now live

IP 1.1 / 1.2 merged call

Cheshire and Warrington COVID 19 Response – Unemployed People

<https://www.gov.uk/european-structural-investment-funds/cheshire-and-warrington-covid-19-response-unemployed-people-oc03s20p1797>

Details:

- Support for newly unemployed people, i.e. 0 to 6 months unemployed:
- an immediate, flexible offer, including job search, interview practice, CV updating, job brokerage and referrals to other support where needed
- “bootcamps” to fast track unemployed people into jobs by acquiring specific skills in demand from employers e.g. digital skills
- recognition that many people will be unemployed for the first time, will not know how to look for and secure a new job, and may not have up to date skills
- taking into account new ways working, e.g. remotely / digitally

Approximately £2,000,000 of ESF is available

Full application deadline: 11th March 2021

IP 2.1 / 2.2 merged call

Cheshire and Warrington COVID 19 Response – The Workforce

<https://www.gov.uk/european-structural-investment-funds/cheshire-and-warrington-covid-19-response-the-workforce-oc03s20p1796>

Details

Skills provision to add capacity and complement existing business support programmes for new start-ups and SMEs with high growth potential, including:

- leadership and management
- coaching and mentoring
- entrepreneurial skills
- how to develop markets, access supply chains and win tenders

- mentoring for individuals who have recently acquired new skills

Activity to build upon the work already being undertaken by the Cheshire and Warrington Pledge Project which promotes career opportunities in key sectors to young people, including:

- increasing capacity in Cheshire and Warrington SMEs to help them progress from showcasing their career opportunities to increasing the numbers of people actually recruited into those businesses
- linking with the support being developed under the Cheshire and Warrington IP1.1/1.2 call, in particular by raising the capacity of SMEs and helping them to be able to offer opportunities for newly unemployed people, 18 to 24 year olds, and people aged 50 or over

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It is expected that one contract will be awarded under each call, or at most one for each Investment Priority, and so consortia or other partnership arrangements are strongly encouraged.

Applicants must demonstrate how they will link with, complement, and where appropriate, build on the work already being done by existing projects in Cheshire and Warrington, including Journey First, Accelerate and The Pledge.

If you have any questions about the Cheshire and Warrington ESF Programme, please contact

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