

2018 European Social Fund in Scotland

What is the European Social Fund?

The European Social Fund (ESF) is one half of the European Structural and Investment Funds. It aims to help people improve their lives by learning new skills and finding better jobs.

In Scotland, we are using ESF to:

- develop the skills of our workforce
- alleviate poverty
- increase social inclusion



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What has been funded so far?

The current ESF programme is expected to be worth about £370 million, funding projects until 2023.

So far, around £203 million has been awarded in grants to projects in Scotland.

These grants include:

- £10m to help community organisations to increase their capacity to deliver
- £15.7m to support Foundation and Graduate Apprenticeships for workers
- £24.3m to combat poverty and help vulnerable people across Scotland



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ESF project example North Lanarkshire's Working

Peter had been unemployed since 2005. Registering with North Lanarkshire's Working in 2018, Peter required a range of tailored support with his journey back to work.

Peter was supported with a training action plan, which included a First Aid course, confidence-building techniques, and assistance with filling out CVs.

Once Peter had completed training, a taster session was arranged with local agricultural firm. Peter was taken on by the business, successfully passed the probation period and took up a full-time job. He has since been promoted to a Team Leader post.

Where can I find out more?

- Visit our website: <https://www.gov.scot/policies/european-structural-funds/>
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