

GRANTS OF £34.57M UNDER SOCIAL FUND

First allocation for 1983

The European Commission has announced an allocation of £34 571 002 for training and retraining schemes in the United Kingdom under the European Social Fund. The bulk of the money - £22 484 682 - goes specifically to the regions with the highest levels of unemployment. It covers a wide range of potential applicants, including development authorities like the Welsh Development Agency and the Highlands and Islands Development Board, specialist bodies like the Seafish Industry Authority and industrial training boards and a number of companies which have set up retraining and training programmes for their employees.

Projects for training young people include two submitted by South Yorkshire County Council, one designed for youngsters starting their own businesses and the other to provide skills for young people in electronic and computing work methods. The Council receives grants of just over £100 000.

Special help is given for the training of women; Ulster Polytechnic receives £88 000 over two years for training women over 25 in hotel and catering management, and Bradford and Ilkley Community College has a grant of £53 715 towards a course for women in light vehicle driving.

A large single allocation of £3.38m goes towards the vocational training of 1 656 unemployed people in the textiles and clothing industries. A further £134 500 is allocated to Tower Hamlets Training Forum in London for vocational training and retraining for assured jobs in the textile industry. Textile companies in Yorkshire and Derbyshire will also receive help for training new and current employees.

Several grants are devoted to projects for training handicapped people for open employment, with total grants of nearly £5m, including £76 050 for the personal reader service for the blind.

Allocations are as follows:

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| Young people | £ | 148 829 |
| Women | £ | 630 296 |
| Textiles and clothing | £ | 3 549 189 |
| Migrants | £ | 642 864 |
| Regions | £ | 22 484 682 |
| Technical progress | £ | 2 247 678 |
| Handicapped | £ | 4 867 464 |
| Total | Total | £34 571 002 |

How the Social Fund works

A training scheme must have financial support from a public authority, in order to be eligible for assistance from the Social Fund. For schemes run by public authorities themselves, the Commission will meet up to half the cost of the project, while for schemes run by private organisations the Commission may match public authority support.

In the UK, most applications for assistance from the Fund are made by the Manpower Services Commission, which has had support for the Youth Opportunities Programme, Training Opportunities Programme (TOPS) and a number of other schemes concerned with helping the unemployed and young people entering the job market, especially in poorer regions. Grants are also requested by other public bodies such as the Industrial Training Boards and local authorities. However, applications have increasingly come from private companies and voluntary bodies supporting local unemployment and training initiatives.

ARTICLE 4 - YOUNG PEOPLE

| APPLICANT | DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMME | NUMBERS INVOLVED | AMOUNT OF ESF AID ALLOCATED £ |
|---------------------------------------|---|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Northern Ireland Training Executive | <u>DISTRIBUTIVE ITB</u> Training of young unemployed first job seekers in management skills in the distributive industry | 50 | 8,710 |
| South Yorkshire County Council | Start your own business courses for young people designed to improve local training structures | 90 | 18,427 |
| South Yorkshire County Council | Skilled training for young people in electronic and computing work methods designed to improve local training structures | 64 | 85,600 |
| Bradford and Ilkley Community College | Training of young women in motor vehicle maintenance | 15 | 17,083 |
| Derbyshire County Council | Skilled training of young women in areas of work not traditionally associated with women | 38 | 19,009 |

ARTICLE 4 - WOMEN

| APPLICANT | DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMME | NUMBERS INVOLVED | AMOUNT OF ESF AID ALLOCATED £ |
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| Ulster Polytechnic | Training course in hotel and catering management for women over 25 |) | 33,000 |
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| Manpower Services Commission (Training Division) | A group of training courses for women in life and social skills, coupled with vocational training at a number of Skillcentres, which is intended to prepare them for employment in male dominated areas | 150 | 407,900 |
| Manpower Services Commission (Training Division) | Training courses to assist women to either enter or return to a career in management. | 70 | 53,715 |
| Bradford and Ilkley Community College | Training of women as light vehicle drivers | 36 | 15,880 |
| Hatfield Polytechnic | New Opportunities for Women and Accountancy Foundation Course | 20 | 34,666 |
| Leeds Polytechnic | Management training for women | 24 | 30,135 |

ARTICLE 4 - TEXTILES AND CLOTHING

| APPLICANT | DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMME | NUMBERS INVOLVED | AMOUNT OF ESF AID ALLOCATED £ |
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| Department of Employment for Manpower Services Commission (Training Division) | Vocational training of unemployed persons in the textile and clothing industries (Great Britain) | 1656 | 3,381,096 |
| Benjamin Simon and Sons Ltd | Training and re-training of new and existing employees for new markets and new products (Leeds, Yorkshire and Humberside) | 57 | 14,093 |
| Strines Textiles Ltd | Vocational training and re-training of textile workers for assured jobs as part of a re-structuring programme (New Mills, Derbyshire) | 100 | 19,500 |
| Tower Hamlets Training Forum | Vocational training and re-training within a framework of a re-structuring programme for assured jobs (Tower Hamlets, East London) | 200 | 134,500 |

ARTICLE 4 - MIGRANTS

| APPLICANT | DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMME | NUMBERS INVOLVED | AMOUNT OF ESF AID ALLOCATED £ |
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| Manpower Services Commission (Training Division) | National Centre for Industrial Language Training | 100 | 50,000 |
| Manpower Services Commission (Training Division) | In company practical language courses | 2,800 | 474,375 |
| Camden Committee for Community Relations | Language training for adult migrant workers | 96 | 118,489 |

ARTICLE 5 - REGIONS

| APPLICANT | DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMME | NUMBERS INVOLVED | AMOUNT OF ESF AID ALLOCATED £ |
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| Department of Industry on behalf of Private Firms | Training and re-training of unemployed workers and employees for assured employment in Private Firms (Assisted Areas of Great Britain) | 4,000 | 4,000,000 |
| The Northern Ireland Training Executive | Training of employed persons in higher level skills (Northern Ireland) | 1,250 | 106,975 |
| Department of Economic Development (Northern Ireland) | Training operations for unemployed/employed persons obtaining higher skills also recruitment and resettlement measures. (Northern Ireland) | 16,658 | 8,786,734 |
| Department of Economic Development (Northern Ireland) | Training of executives of cooperatives for higher level skills in a region of first priority (Northern Ireland) | 15 | 36,484 |
| Department of Economic Development | Training of unemployed persons and employed persons in higher skills (Northern Ireland) | 1,000 | 330,000 |
| Department of Economic Development on behalf of Private Companies | Training of unemployed persons for new jobs, employed persons threatened with unemployment and employed persons for higher level skills (Northern Ireland) | 5,444 | 3,000,000 |
| Department of Economic Development on behalf of 2 Private Firms | Training of unemployed persons and employed persons acquiring higher level skills (Northern Ireland) | 1,247 | 1,139,064 |
| Northern Ireland Electricity Service | Training of unemployed persons in a first priority region (Northern Ireland) | 83 | 396,907 |

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| Welsh Development Agency 2 | Vocational training aimed at the needs of small firms (Assisted Areas in Wales) | 1,026 | 343,242 |
| Highlands and Islands Development Board | Training in a variety of skills in small grouped undertakings. Employment assured (Scotland Highlands and Islands) | 507 | 250,000 |
| Highlands and Islands Development Board | Training of unemployed persons for whom a job may be regarded as assured and persons threatened with unemployment (Scotland Highlands and Islands) | 1,233 | 300,000 |
| Seafish Industry Authority | Continuous training programme in the Northern Ireland fishing industry, with employment assured (Northern Ireland) | 344 | 96,355 |
| Construction Industry Training Board - Glasgow Training Centre | Training of persons threatened with unemployment (Glasgow for West Central Scotland, North and North West England) | | 11,520 |
| Construction Industry Training Board - Bircham Newton Training Centre | Training of persons threatened with unemployment (Bircham Newton, Norfolk, for assisted areas in United Kingdom) | 96 | 5,857 |
| British Rail | Training programme for unemployed workers whose placement may be regarded as assured. (Assisted Areas) | 382 | 164,984 |
| Highland Regional Council | Vocational Training for mainly unemployed people for assured jobs in Fish Farming (Highland Region, Scotland) | 88 | 202,450 |

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| Hepworth and Grandage Ltd | Structured retraining of operatives, craftsmen, and supervisors to secure assured jobs (Sunderland, Tyne and Wear) | 346 | 282,021 |
| Lucas Aerospace Ltd | Structured retraining of employees in new production processes techniques and technology (Liverpool, Merseyside) | 352 | 165,446 |
| Allan Kennedy and Co Ltd | Essential training and retraining of employees threatened with redundancy and training for expansion programme for assured employment (Stockton on Tees, Northern Region) | 133 | 28,672 |
| AMCO Drilling Ltd | Vocational training and retraining in various drilling skills leading to assured jobs (North West and North East England, Wales) | 76 | 61,600 |
| Timex Corporation | Retraining of existing employees for assured jobs in production of new technology products (Dundee, Scotland) | 913 | 251,024 |
| Babcock Power Ltd | Training and retraining of employees threatened with unemployment for assured jobs (Renfrew, Scotland) | 182 | 171,960 |
| Giddings and Lewis-Fraser Limited | Training on FMS design and manufacturing technology including advanced measuring techniques (Arbroath, Scotland) | 102 | 40,051 |

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| IBM Ltd | Training and retraining to avoid redundancy and to provide additional jobs for unemployed people. (Greenock, Scotland) | 39 | 30,750 |
| The Glacier Metal Co Ltd | Essential retraining of workforce for assured employment (Kilmarnock, Scotland) | 1,002 | 208,510 |
| James Howden and Company Ltd | Training and retraining of employees threatened with unemployment for assured jobs (Glasgow) | 450 | 204,494 |
| Harker and Sons (Engineers) Ltd | Training and retraining of employees threatened with unemployment for assured jobs (Stockton, Cleveland) | 77 | 12,705 |
| Confederation of British Wool Textiles | Training of workers in the Textile industry for assured employment after training, and training of workers made redundant from the industry (Bradford, Yorkshire and Humberside) | 375 | 145,635 |
| Merseyside Centre for Employment Initiatives - Merseyside Training Ltd | Vocational training programme to help improve the effectiveness of the local training structure mainly through training for new enterprises development (Liverpool, Merseyside) | 206 | 77,138 |
| Co-Operative Development Agency | Vocational training in business skills for workers threatened with unemployment for assured jobs after training, and for unemployed workers with the aim of enhancing employment prospects and creating additional jobs. (Assisted Areas in Great Britain) | 40 | 25,000 |

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| Co-Operative Development Agency | Training of unemployed persons and employed persons threatened with unemployment (Northern Ireland) | 40 | 27,240 |
| Employment Resource Group (Ltd) | Vocational skills and Business Training for unemployed people leading to assured jobs (Liverpool, Merseyside) | 20 | 19,905 |
| Employment Resource Group (Ltd) | Vocational training for unemployed people aimed at improving the effectiveness of local training structures (Liverpool, Merseyside) | 60 | 49,240 |
| CDS Training Ltd | Training Programme in co-operative skills for unemployed people (Liverpool, Merseyside) | 80 | 41,470 |
| Community Projects Foundation | A Training Programme aimed at improving the effectiveness of the local training structure to assist small enterprise development (Dundee, Scotland) | 410 | 445,500 |
| Wales Co-Operative Development and Training Centre | Vocational Training and retraining to enhance prospects of securing jobs in co-operative enterprises in Wales (South Wales (possibly Cardiff)) | 8 | 60,000 |

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| APPLICANT | DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMME | NUMBERS INVOLVED | AMOUNT OF ESF AID-ALLOCATED £ |
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| Bradford and Ilkley Community College | Retraining of people under threat of redundancy from Bradford and Ilkley Community College for assured employment. (Bradford, Yorkshire) | 60 | 314,204 |
| Swifts of Scarborough Ltd | Structured retraining of personnel for assured jobs after re-training. (Scarborough, Yorkshire and Humberside) | 57 | 14,129 |
| Thorn EMI Dynatel Ltd | Essential retraining geared to introduction of new products/processes to enable re-deployment of workers threatened with redundancy (Mid-Glamorgan, Wales) | 210 | 34,348 |
| International Harvester Co | Essential skills training for workers threatened by unemployment in an assisted area (Doncaster, Yorkshire and Humberside) | 353 | 334,913 |
| Lucas Aerospace Ltd | Essential training of personnel threatened with redundancy for assured employment (Bradford, Yorkshire) | 250 | 58,585 |
| Metal Box, Neath Industrial Components | Extensive training and retraining of workers currently threatened with redundancy in order to redeploy them (Neath, West Glamorgan) | 352 | 200,945 |
| INDTEC Engineering Ltd | Retraining programme of essential skills for assured jobs (Thornaby, Cleveland) | 67 | 8,605 |

ARTICLE 5 - TECHNICAL PROGRESS

| APPLICANT | DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMME | NUMBERS INVOLVED | AMOUNT OF ESF AID ALLOCATED £ |
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| Engineering Industry Training Board | Training of people threatened with unemployment for new and higher skills (Great Britain various locations) | 1,940 | 513,050 51,450 |
| Washington Development Corporation | Vocational training in a variety of aspects of new technology skills (Washington, Tyne and Wear) | 127 | 94,200 |
| Greater Manchester Council | Training and retraining in new technology for employees of small and medium sized firms (Greater Manchester) | 750 | 266,200 |
| Wrekin District Council on behalf of Telford Opportunities Centre Joint Management Committee | Training of local labour force in new technologies for the specific requirements of small and medium sized firms modernising their production and systems, (firms employing upto 500 people) (Telford, West Midlands) | 48 | 49,720 |
| Lucas Electrical Ltd, Burnley, Lancs | Vocational training in new technology for employees otherwise threatened with unemployment (Burnley) | 495 | 59,625 |
| Lucas Aerospace Ltd Burnley, Lancs | Vocational training in new technology for employees otherwise threatened with unemployment (Burnley) | 1,069 | 323,315 |
| Metal Box PLC | Training in new technology skills for employees threatened with redundancy for assured jobs (Carlisle, Cumbria) | 86 | 24,064 |
| Babcock Power Ltd | Training and re-training of existing employees in new technology to avoid the need for redundancy (London, Great Dover Street) | 560 | 108,734 |

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| Massey-Fergusson Manufacturing Company | Training programmes in support of operations to safeguard jobs where the introduction of new technology and production techniques is essential (Coventry, West Mids and Stoneleigh, North West) | 1,211 | 757,319 |

ARTICLE 5 - HANDICAPPED

| APPLICANT | DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMME | NUMBERS INVOLVED | AMOUNT OF ESF AID ALLOCATED £ |
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| Manpower Services Commission (ESD and TD) | Personal Reader Service for the Blind | 200 | 76,050 |
| Welfare Maintenance and Supply, Bradford | Demonstration project to train handicapped people in basic skills | 12 | 28,290 19,227 9,291 |

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| APPLICANT | DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMME | NUMBERS INVOLVED | AMOUNT OF ESF AID ALLOCATED £ |
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| Department of Economic Development, Northern Ireland | Vocational training of unemployed disabled people for open employment including assessment and vocational guidance. | 400 | 333,648 |
| Department of Economic Development, Northern Ireland | Assessment of capabilities of disabled people and training for open employment | 45 | 142,946 |
| Department of Economic Development, Northern Ireland | Disablement Resettlement Service - training of Disablement Resettlement Officers | - | 85,027 |
| Department of Economic Development, Northern Ireland | Professional Training Grant Scheme: Job Introduction Scheme; Special aids to employment; Capital grants for adaptation of premises and equipment | 75 | 35,160 |
| Eastern Health and Social Services Board (Northern Ireland) | Rehabilitation and training services for handicapped people | 1,171 | 1,642,669 |
| Northern Health and Social Services Board (Northern Ireland) | Rehabilitation and training services for handicapped people | 613 | 997,446 |
| Southern Health and Social Services Board (Northern Ireland) | Rehabilitation and training services for handicapped people | 358 | 498,628 |
| Western Health and Social Services Board (Northern Ireland) | Rehabilitation and training services for handicapped people | 498 | 828,290 |
| Industrial Therapy Organisation (Ulster) Ltd | Integration of psychiatrically handicapped people into open employment | 299 | 128,810 |
| Northern Ireland Council for Orthopaedic Development (NICOD) | Integration of Physically handicapped people into open employment | 95 | 41,987 |

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