



## NEWS & EVENTS

- **Cámara de Comercio de Cantabria**

“Vocational Spiders **Simposyum**”. **May 14-16**, 2014.

Chamber of Commerce of Cantabria **will participate in “Vocational Spiders Simposyum”** that will take place on May 14-16, 2014. Vocational Spiders is a European Network of Project Based Learning in Electronical and Mechanical Engineering in the framework of Leonardo da Vinci Partnership co-funded by the European Commission.

The aims of the Vspiders project are:

- Establishing a digital communication platform to be maintained for five years.
- Students' product development and European seminar participation.
- Application matrix of PBL-method.
- Acquaintance and peer learning of teachers in European Qualifications Framework, education systems, programs and assessment of learning outcomes in partner schools.
- Cooperation and company consultation in curricula, future skills, development trends in industry and students' open task assessment.
- The impact for students is reinforced motivation, better employment opportunities, practising foreign languages and learning new cultures, strengthening social inclusion and European Citizenship.

European overall impact is achieved by transfer of good practices, increasing the quality in student mobility, implementation of EQF & ECVET and networking in digital platform that can be extended to new countries and new partners.

For more information please visit: <http://www.vspiders.eu>



European and national funding opportunities in R + D + i

[Asociación para el Progreso de la Dirección](#) (APD) in collaboration with us, Cantabria Chamber of Commerce, and [Global Partners funding](#) organises this free seminar.

For more information please visit:

[http://www.camaracantabria.com/agenda\\_actividades/fichact.php?id=1036&tipo=Jornadas](http://www.camaracantabria.com/agenda_actividades/fichact.php?id=1036&tipo=Jornadas)

- **Unioncamere del Veneto – Eurosportello Veneto**

“North-south-initiative conference "Greening the corridor - new projects, new products and innovation: e-mobility, urban technologies and logistics”

Eurosportello Veneto is organizing an international conference aimed at supporting companies, universities and research centres working in the field of logistics, transport, energy renewable and innovation in acquiring expertise, ensuring a better flow of best practices and project experiences gained at European level in the markets of the Scandinavian-Adriatic axis. The event will take place on May 20<sup>th</sup> at Unioncamere del Veneto premises.

For more information please visit Eurosportello Veneto website:

<http://www.eurosportelloveneto.it/boll2014/04-30.htm>

“Mobi Flash – seasonal working opportunities in the United Kingdom”

Eurocultura will present the existing seasonal working opportunities in the United Kingdom, advising the participants on how to effectively enhance their applications according to British standards.

For more information and registering procedures please visit Eurocultura website:

[http://www.eurocultura.it/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=456&Itemid=268](http://www.eurocultura.it/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=456&Itemid=268)

- Cornwall College

Cornwall Works ESF Wise Awards 2014 - Winner



Congratulations to Unlocking Potential's Programme Director Allyson Glover who won the Outstanding Achievement Award at this year's Cornwall Works Wise Awards.

<http://www.unlocking-potential.co.uk/>

Fancy a batter career - think Duchy College

6 May 2014



Duchy College has just launched a new Fish Frying Apprenticeship programme across Devon and Cornwall and the first two students have already taken up their roles. Lisa Lishman and Andrew Hillier are studying at Duchy College in Stoke Climsland, whilst working at the award winning Harbourside restaurant in Plymouth. <http://www.cornwall.ac.uk/news/fancy-batter-career-think-duchy-college>

## Getting the figures right

6 May 2014

Cornwall College Camborne has been recognised in the inaugural AAT Training Provider Awards, which took place in Birmingham (3 April 2014). The awards are designed to celebrate the use of new technologies and innovative ways training providers engage with their students.

**John Mort, Accountancy Training Manager for Cornwall College, said: "I am delighted at being shortlisted; this is a reflection of the calibre and experience of our teaching staff. The whole ethos of the accountancy team and the group is performance through people, and being shortlisted is clear evidence of our success in the application of our ethos."**

Despite being the first year of the Awards there were around 3,500 votes for Tutor of the Year, about 35 students nominated for Student of the Year and over 70 entries across the other categories.

<http://www.cornwall.ac.uk/news/getting-figures-right>

## Master Chef brothers take students on a dip into the world of the chocolatier

6 May 2014



The Executive Head Chef of Cambridge University has been delivering a chocolate master class to students at Cornwall College. Chocolate is big business in the UK with sales predicted to increase by 35% over the next five years, so to make your product stand out is a must.

Stephen Mather, who gained his first catering qualification with Cornwall College in 1977, delivered the two day course to students studying the Level 3 Patisserie Diploma at Camborne and St Austell alongside his brother Grant Mather, both are members of the Master Chef of Great Britain.

<http://www.cornwall.ac.uk/news/master-chef-brothers-take-students-dip-world-chocolatier>

- BERLINK

## Grundtvig Award 2014

### On the trail of the First World War – Adult Education for peace and cohesion

"Remembering World War I for the Future – Adult Education promoting Peace and Cohesion in Europe, this is the theme of this **year's tender for the Grundtvig Award**. The prize is awarded by the European Association for Education of Adults (EAEA).

Any organizations and individuals with a special interest in the theme as applied to adult education, or with a direct involvement in transnational projects, can apply until 7 September 2014.

The winners will receive, among other things, an invitation to the awards ceremony at the EAEA General Assembly, from 12 - 14th November 2014, that will be held in Sarajevo. The winning projects will be presented in detail in the official **competition's** catalogue, on the association's website and in its social media. The Grundtvig Award EAEA awards a prize every year to celebrate the main achievements of a transnational and innovative project on the topic of adult education.

For more information on the award and how to apply:

[http://www.na-bibb.de/service/presse/news/2014/grundtvig\\_award\\_2014.html](http://www.na-bibb.de/service/presse/news/2014/grundtvig_award_2014.html)

### Training on Parental Leave Regional Conference in Mannheim

On 16 May 2014, the Academy Mannheim will host the Regional Conference "Training on Parental Leave".

Training opportunities during and after parental leave - as an aspect of the thematic complex reconciliation of work and family life - are at the center of the fourth regional conference of the National Coordinating Center for European Agenda for Adult Education.

The conference will discuss the possibility of further qualification to successful re-entry into the profession as well as the effective use of modern media from home. The event, organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports of Baden -Württemberg will be held in Mannheim on the 16 May 2014 and is primarily aimed at professionals working in further education. Adults on parental leave are even more welcome and invited to attend this event. Registration is free.

To proceed to the registration, click [here](#).

## PAST NEWS

- **Unioncamere del Veneto – Eurosportello Veneto**

### ENERGY VILLAB FINAL CONFERENCE

The final conference of the EnergyVILLab project will be held on next 10th April 2014 in Portoroz, Slovenia. The public event will be the occasion to present not only the main achievements of the project, but also the beginning of fruitful relationships with other networking experiences developed in the cross border area and in the wider Italian and Slovenian territories.

Further information on the venue and on the agenda of the event will be available on the website [www.energyvillab.eu](http://www.energyvillab.eu)

- **Cornwall College**

Unlocking Potential celebrates its tenth year.

Before re-launching as Unlocking Potential in June 2013, Unlocking Cornish Potential has supported more than 1000 graduates and 800 businesses in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

Allyson Glover, Programme Director, has been a driving force in Unlocking Potential since it was **launched in 2004. She said, "In April we will have supported graduates in Cornwall for ten years and** created more than 1000 jobs. Naturally, we are still in touch with many of the graduates, yet we also know that many have further developed their careers in and out of the county and we also know a good number of them have gone on to set up and grow their own businesses; some are **even running those businesses they started with!"**

<http://www2.cornwall.ac.uk/ucp/index.php?page= News&subpage= UCP News&news=ucp&title = UCP News&pagetype=list>

10,000 apprentices, 10,000 careers through Cornwall College

Cornwall College Group helped over 10,000 people into apprenticeships in the last ten years. The official figure was released at the start of National Apprenticeship Week, which ran between the 3rd and the 7th of March.

**Kim Conchie, Chief Executive of Cornwall Chamber of Commerce said: "Apprenticeships have taken a bit of time to re-enter the public awareness. They are now quite different from anything offered to young people in the past and cover many different disciplines, not just the traditional trades. Potentially, they are the best route into the workforce for young people and for job changers who are not going to university, so I see their role as being huge and long term. Many employers say to us that they would prefer someone with GCSEs in English and Maths and a good attitude rather than someone who doesn't understand their industry."**

**Amarjit Basi, Principal and Chief Executive of Cornwall College commented "We are industry focused, working closely with local and regional businesses, to offer specialist training for**





Cornwall's key industry sectors, through apprenticeships but also through academic and vocational pathways. As the largest provider of apprenticeships west of Bristol and one of the biggest in the UK we take great pride in the contribution that our apprentices are making to the businesses that they are working in, helping to support the prosperity of the region.

<http://www.cornwall.ac.uk/news/10000-apprentices-10000-careers-through-cornwall-college>

Falmouth Marine School secures £3.6 million redevelopment funding

Falmouth Marine School, part of the Cornwall College Group, is delighted to announce that it has secured a £3.6 million investment to refurbish its site located on Killigrew Street in Falmouth town.

The redevelopment plans include a state-of-the-art marine engineering workshop, complete with a commercial engine room with fuel mapping and diagnostic testing equipment. There will be reconfiguration of the marine biology laboratories and classrooms to make better use of the space, with additional tanks and equipment for the marine biology students to use for their marine mammal breeding programme. Estimated completion is April 2015. The development is part financed by the European Regional Development Fund Programme 2007 to 2013.

<http://www.cornwall.ac.uk/news/falmouth-marine-school-secures-%C2%A336-million-redevelopment-funding>

- **University of Primorska**

INTERNATIONAL WEEK 2014

The University of Primorska (Koper, Slovenia) welcomes teaching and administrative staff from the Erasmus partner universities. In order to give the best overview of our institution we offer a one week programme "International Week of the University of Primorska 2014" that will take place from 12nd to 16th May 2014.

We hope the excellent geostrategic position of Koper and region, the sunny weather in May and the University offer will convince you to visit us.

More information: <http://www.upr.si/index.php?page=static&item=211>

- **BERLINK**

DIDACTA – 29 March 2014

The trade fair for education and training takes place for the eighth time at Messe Stuttgart. As the biggest international trade fair for education and training it provides offers from over 900 exhibitors and a comprehensive further education programme for teachers, educators, trainers and educational staff. High-ranking representatives from politics, business, science and society come to didacta in order to find ways for the education and training of the future and to exchange information and ideas.

For more information, visit the website:

<http://www.messe-stuttgart.de/en/didacta/>

## INVESTING IN SKILLS - A SUGGESTION BY THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

13 March 2014

How can qualifications in Europe can be improved in order to increase the employability of young people? The Ministers of the Council of EU was faced with this question after the last results of the PISA Study were published.

Member States need to develop effective policies and invest even more in an efficient education and training.

At their meeting on 24 February 2014 in Brussels the EU ministers of education stressed that education and training systems should play a fundamental role when it comes to ensuring that young people and low-**skilled adults acquire qualifications and competences matching today's** labor market. These conclusions are a first response to the results of the last two OECD studies, and to what emerged in the Annual Growth Survey 2014.

For more info click [HERE](#).

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