

Welcome to Money Week

The Financial Capability Partnership NI, in association with Craigavon Borough Council, welcomes you to Northern Ireland's third Money Week – a week-long programme of events across Craigavon to help you make the most of your money.

What's Money Week all about?

Money Week is a programme of events across Craigavon to help you take control of your money and make it work for you.

There has never been a more important time for consumers to take control of their money. At this time we need to make sure we have as much money in our pockets as we can, have the skills to budget wisely and shop around for the best possible deal. It is important to know how to save for a rainy day and know where you can go to get advice and help if you are in financial difficulties.

Money Week is coming to Craigavon between 25 February - 2 March 2012 to help you make the most of your money.

Craigavon Borough Council - Funding and Resources Fair

Date: Tuesday 21 February, 7.00 - 9.00pm

Venue: Craigavon Civic and Conference Centre

An opportunity to speak directly to local funders and agencies to find out what funding or resources are available for your community.

You will find lots of information including details of grants and how to apply, advice on establishing a social enterprise or tips for fundraising.

Everyone is welcome. If you need further details please contact Sarah McKenna at Craigavon Borough Council on 028 3831 2493.

Money Market - Get help with your money makeover

Date: Saturday 25 February, 10.00 - 5.00pm

Venue: High Street Mall, Portadown

Do your finances need a makeover? Would you know where to start? Come along to Portadown on Saturday 25 February 2012 when the Financial Capability Partnership NI hosts a Money Market in the shopping centre. Saturday shoppers can get tips on managing their money and making it work better for them. Help and information will also be available for people who are worried about money and making ends meet.

Nationwide - Information in branch about our Nationwide Education website and programme

Date: Throughout week of 27 February, during opening times

Venue: Nationwide branches across the province

Nationwide has an interactive website for pupils, teachers and parents – Nationwide Education (www.nationwideeducation.co.uk). In addition to offering a range of exciting interactive programmes for primary and secondary students, it has dedicated teacher and parent sections containing information about using the resources as well as tips and guidance to help support learning in school or at home. Each resource is designed for use with a PC or interactive whiteboard and contains fun interactive story books, activities, games, fact and work sheets, as well as detailed word glossaries. During Money Week you are welcome to call into any one of our branches throughout Northern Ireland for further information.

A4E and the Money Advice Service - Face to Face Sessions

Date: Subject to Library opening hours, daily (subject to demand)

Venue: Local Libraries

In conjunction with Libraries NI, the Money Advice Service is pleased to offer local individuals the opportunity to speak with an adviser encompassing areas from savings, benefits, taxation, budgeting, borrowing and retirement planning.

Craigavon YouthBank - YouthBank MoneySense

Date: Throughout week of 27 February, times to be circulated

Venue: Brownlow Area Youth Resource Centre

Craigavon YouthBank are running some personal finance workshops to address their own levels of knowledge and skills to make themselves more receptive to their own money issues.

This will be followed by three YouthBank MoneySense initiatives for young people living in the Craigavon Council area. The first is an essay competition for local secondary schools on the theme of, "The silliest thing I have ever done with my own money and what did I learn from this?"

Four small grants of up to £250 will be available for youth groups who wish to organise a project that increases their financial learning. Applicants will pitch their idea to the YouthBank Den. Finally a singer/rapper songwriter event will take place for individuals or two people who can write and perform an original piece of music with the line somewhere in the lyrics, "What's up with your loot!"

Advice NI - Benefits, Tax and Money Advice Clinic

Date: Tuesday 28 February, 9.30 - 4.00pm

Venue: Mount Zion House, Edward Street, Lurgan, BT66 6DG

The one-day Advice Clinic will act like a triage service to the public, providing access to three highly experienced advisers who will provide information and advice on benefit and tax related issues as well as debt/money advice.

The advisers will be able to do a benefit entitlement check to deal with any money/debt issues, and look to see if you have any emergency debt situations. Advice will be provided on how best to deal with each situation. The clinic can also provide advice on tax credits, childcare costs, PAYE and National Minimum Wage.

It is advisable that clients bring along any documentation they hold in relation to their query such as benefit and debt details.

Libraries NI and the Consumer Council - Penny for your thoughts - A question and answer session

Date: Tuesday 28 February, 2.00 - 3.00pm

Venue: Lurgan Library, 1 Carnegie Street, BT66 6AS

Are you confused or worried about debt, how to get benefits, how to cut your bills or how to choose investments or savings products? If the answer is yes then why not come along to Lurgan library and put your questions to the experts, including Linda McAuley from BBC Radio Ulster's On Your Behalf programme. Admission to the event is free, but booking is essential. For more information, please contact Lurgan library on telephone number 028 3832 3912 or email lurgan.library@librariesni.org.uk

Consumer Council - Intergenerational event

Date: Tuesday 28 February, 7.00 - 9.00pm

Venue: Watson Centre, Killicomaine

The Consumer Council has teamed up with Seagoe Youth Group and Killicomaine Older People's group to deliver an intergenerational discussion on payment methods. Together they will explore the ways they choose to pay and discuss their attitudes to paying online, by cash, vouchers and PayPoint to name a few. Practical advice about budgeting and payment methods will be available during the supper break.

Northern Ireland Housing Executive and Housing Rights Service - Open Surgeries

Dates: Wednesday 29 February, 1.00 - 4.00pm in Portadown District Housing Executive Offices and Thursday 1 March, from 1.00 - 4.00pm in Lurgan District Housing Executive Offices

Venue: Portadown and Lurgan District Offices

NIHE and the Housing Rights Service are holding "Open Surgeries" in Portadown District Office on Wednesday 29 February from 1.00 - 4.00pm and in Lurgan District Office on Thursday 1 March from 1.00 - 4.00pm.

They will have money advisers and housing benefit people in attendance. Everyone is welcome.

Age Sector Platform - Northern Ireland Pensioners Parliament

Date: Wednesday 29 February

Venue: Craigavon

The Northern Ireland Pensioners Parliament allows older people from across Northern Ireland to have their say on the issues that matter to them. Organised by Age Sector Platform, the Parliament empowers older people here to make their voice heard and this year the County Armagh Pensioners Parliament is being held in Craigavon on 29 February. If you are over 60 and interested in taking part in the event please contact Age Sector Platform on 028 9031 2089 or by email on info@agesectorplatform.org

Craigavon Borough Council - Love Food Hate Waste Cookery Demonstrations

Date: Wednesday 29 February, Thursday 1 and Friday 2 March, 6.30 - 7.45pm

Venue: Brownlow Community Hub, Craigavon

The event will promote cost-effective cooking, using leftovers, storing food to keep for longer as well as giving good leftover recipe ideas. For more information please contact Jennifer Cunningham on 028 3831 2467.

Institute of Financial Planning - Financial Tips - Making your business work better for you

Date: Friday 2 March, 8.00 - 10.00am

Venue: CIDO, Charlestown Road, Portadown

This event is aimed at employers – mainly small medium enterprise owners – to provide them with financial tips and practical ideas to enable them to run their business better to benefit them now and in the future. The seminar will be run by Jason Holmes CFP, Institute of Financial Planning and Warren McCleary, a local Chartered Accountant. For further information or to book a place, please contact Jason Holmes on 028 3831 2995.

Consumer Council - Payday Borrowing

Date: Friday 2 March, 10.00 - 12.00pm

Venue: Brownlow Community Hub, Craigavon

Interactive consumer rights session with:

- Jimmy Hughes, Trading Standards Service (DETI)
- Office of Fair Trading
- Consumer Council
- John Lamidey, Consumer Finance Association

Who is the workshop for?

Money and consumer rights advisors, political constituency staff, family workers, numeracy teachers, employers.

To book a free place contact Nora Quigley on 028 9067 4803, or email nquigley@consumercouncil.org.uk

Construction Employers Federation - "How to work with banks in these difficult times"

Date: Friday 2 March, 12.00 - 1.00pm

Venue: Armagh City Hotel

This event will discuss how to work with banks during these difficult economic times. It will include a presentation by a leading accountancy practice and a discussion on what the Construction Employers Federation (CEF) is doing to help the industry in these difficult times. This event is open to all CEF members. For more information please contact 028 9087 7143.

Ulster Federation of Credit Unions - Open Evening

Date: Friday 2 March, 7.00 - 9.00pm

Venue: Carlton Credit Union, 6 Carlton Street, Portadown.

Open night to give you the chance to find out more about the services that the Credit Union has to offer. Everyone welcome.

Other events

Employers

The Money Advice Service

'Making the most of your money' provides employees with financial education in their place of work in an hour-long seminar covering budgeting, saving and investing, borrowing, dealing with problem debt, protecting what you have and planning for retirement. Sessions are planned with Craigavon Borough Council.

The Money Advice Service will also be promoting their online money planner called the Healthcheck across organisations and consumers in the Craigavon area. See www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/healthcheck?utm_source=ConsCou

Craigavon Borough Council will also be holding other training and information sessions with their staff throughout Money Week.

Events in Primary Schools

Primary

During Money Week, many primary schools throughout Craigavon will be delivering Financial Education in an active and engaging way. Children from P1 to P7 will have the opportunity to learn about a range of issues surrounding money through age appropriate, fun tasks.

First Trust Bank - Money Basics

Date: One Primary school per day from Monday 27 February to Friday 2 March

Venues: Primary Schools across Portadown and Lurgan

First Trust Bank Portadown and Lurgan will each deliver our Money Basics presentation in one Primary school per day from Monday 27 February to Friday 2 March. Money Basics teaches primary level pupils about the history of money, different currencies and the different ways in which you can pay for goods and services.

Northern Bank - Moneyville

All school events during Money Week have been booked and planned in advance. If you are interested in bringing our programmes to your school please contact your nearest Northern Bank branch.

Date: Monday 27 February, 10.00am

Venue: St Marys PS, Derrytrasna

Date: Tuesday 28 February, 11.30am

Venue: Drumgor PS, Craigavon

Date: Wednesday 29 February, 10.00am

Venue: St Anthony's PS, Craigavon

Date: Friday 2 March, morning time

Venue: Bleary PS, Bleary

Local Northern Bank staff will showcase moneyville.co.uk, an educational website for 5 to 11 year olds. Moneyville is a virtual town which involves a range of fun online games, with separate sections for the 5-7 and 8-11 age groups. The resource is safe, easy and fun to use either in class or at home and approved by CCEA: www.nicurriculum.org.uk/fc/

Events in Post-Primary Schools

Post-primary schools will be delivering a wide range of lessons to their pupils looking at issues such as debt management, the importance of saving and the need for budgeting in relation to daily spending.

Bank of Ireland - Financial Literacy Programme

Date: Throughout Money Week

Venues: Schools across Craigavon Borough

Bank of Ireland will be hosting a number of workshops in local schools in the area. Students will learn about topics such as financial planning and budgeting, credit, saving and investing, insurance and how to protect against identity theft and fraud as they take part in Bank of Ireland UK's unique financial literacy programme. The workshops will be interactive and will promote good financial habits that the students can carry forward into adulthood. Fully trained Bank of Ireland staff will help students to identify longer-term goals and aspirations and to understand how the choices they make at school and their level of achievement affects the attainment of these goals.



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Date: Throughout money week

Venue: Killicomaine Junior High School, Portadown

Date: Thursday 1 March, morning time

Venue: Lurgan Junior High School

Local Northern Bank staff will take pupils through our award-winning free education resource Money Talks for young people aged 11 to 16. The free toolkit includes a DVD and PC game covering topics such as consumer rights, income, banking, savings, credit, debt and budgeting.

Ulster Bank - MoneySense

Date: Throughout Money Week

Venues: Schools across Craigavon Borough

The Ulster Bank will also be supporting four schools in the delivery of financial capability through their MoneySense for School's programme. The resource takes pupils through the basics of banking and financial management – from the decision to open a bank account, how to manage borrowing, building relationships with financial organisations and preparing them for independent living. The four schools participating in MoneySense are:

- St Michael's, Lurgan
- Clounagh High School
- Drumcree College
- St Mary's Junior High, Lurgan

Events in Colleges

Presentations will be given to college students to give them the skills they'll need to manage their finances for the future. Students will be looking at the importance of becoming more financially independent.

First Trust Bank-Money Choices

Date: Throughout Money Week

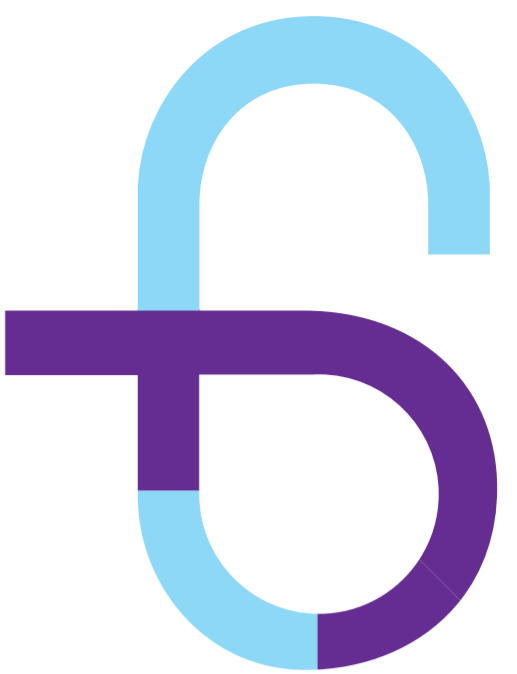
Venue: Southern Regional College

The First Trust Bank will be delivering their Money Choices presentations to approximately 90 pupils from Southern Regional College during Money Week. Money Choices educates students on becoming more financially independent and focuses on four key themes - earning money, spending money, owing money and saving money.

For more information on Money Week contact Caroline Mooney at the Consumer Council on:

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