



# Financial Capability Partnership NI

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## Helping Learners Manage Their Money

**For the attention of: Tutors, career advisors, student finance advisers and employment support officers working in the Further Education sector.**

This includes further education colleges, adult community learning, work-based learning, offender learning and voluntary and community sector providers.

Learners are increasingly required to take on more responsibility for managing their finances, including funding their learning. However many need additional help to gain these important money management skills.

The Financial Capability Partnership NI is made up of over 30 organisations from the education, community, voluntary, public and private sectors who come together to support and educate consumers in Northern Ireland about financial capability.

The Financial Capability Partnership NI provides **free** training, support, guidance and resources with the objective of helping learners acquire money management skills.

### **What the Financial Capability Partnership NI can offer the Further Education Sector:**

**Advice4debtNI** (delivered by A4e) is a government funded helpline providing independent self help debt advice specifically for people in Northern Ireland. For further information contact 0800 9174607 or visit [www.advice4debtNI.com](http://www.advice4debtNI.com)

**A4e** have also teamed up with **The Money Advice Service**, an impartial service, set up through the Government to offer free, unbiased money advice. Trained Money Advisers have been delivering free, one to one sessions to learners on everything from budgeting to saving, credit and borrowing, mortgages, insurance, pensions and retirement planning across Northern Ireland from 1 April 2011. For further information please email [Jbell@a4e.co.uk](mailto:Jbell@a4e.co.uk)

**Bank of Ireland** has specialised branches which cater for students' financial needs as well as student and graduate advisors available in every branch throughout Northern Ireland. Students can also visit our dedicated website on [www.mystudentbank.com](http://www.mystudentbank.com), with information on funding college, money management, travelling, video blogs from our student customers and an FAQ section.

**Citizens Advice** provides a range of services including projects which supply money and debt advice to the public through outreach and in local Citizens Advice Bureaux.



**Citizens Advice** has also developed a money management project called 'Money Active' which is funded by **Nationwide Building Society**. It aims to train and support volunteers to carry out proactive financial education work in their local community. Northern Ireland Citizens Advice Bureau is setting up a new team of volunteers to work with groups and individuals in order to help people use and manage money better. Volunteers deliver two hour information sessions on basic skills around budgeting, banking, credit and saving. For further information please contact Nichola MacDougall, Project Coordinator: tel 028 9026 2525 email [macdougalln@citizensadvice.co.uk](mailto:macdougalln@citizensadvice.co.uk) or visit <http://www.citizensadvice.co.uk/Money-Management/Money-Active>

**The Consumer Council** has produced the following resources to raise awareness of money issues and consumer rights: Home Budget Planners, Christmas Budget Planners and a Consumer Skills for Life booklet. Also available are a variety of lesson plans in the Consumer Skills for Life programme, as well as individual lesson plans in "Understanding a Credit Report" and "Shopping for Home Contents Insurance for people who rent their home." These contain exercises with answers, support materials and are available in hard copy or download. All resources can be found at [www.consumercouncil.org.uk/education/adult-education-training/](http://www.consumercouncil.org.uk/education/adult-education-training/)

**First Trust Bank** have a student and graduate co-ordinator available in branch to give advice to young people through their first few years in university/further education or employment. You can get more information from your local branch or by contacting Úna Quigley on 028 9047 9182.

**Money for Life** programme is a partnership between **EGSA** in Northern Ireland, **Lloyds Banking Group**, the **Money Advice Service** and FE sector partners across the UK. The programme aims to improve the knowledge and confidence of practitioners so they can support learners on money issues.

We can help you:

- Raise your confidence in dealing with money issues through our financial capability awareness session.
- Gain an accredited qualification in personal money management via an online curriculum resource.
- Keep informed on funding for further and higher education, educational bursaries and trusts through our series of nine finance factsheets.
- Advise your learners of the impact of student finance on benefits and sources of financial support.

For further information visit [www.egsa.org.uk](http://www.egsa.org.uk) or email [paulette.lennon@egsa.org.uk](mailto:paulette.lennon@egsa.org.uk)

At **Northern Bank**, whether they're still at school or moved on to college or university, have become employed or are seeking employment, young people can speak to an adviser at any of our branches across Northern Ireland.

**Queen's Students' Union Money+** project aims to improve the financial capability of higher education students. This is a peer-led initiative and through visits to colleges introduces further education students to the issues of student financial support and money management skills relevant to those moving on to higher education. Visit [www.moneyplusni.com](http://www.moneyplusni.com) or email [d.forsey@qub.ac.uk](mailto:d.forsey@qub.ac.uk) for further information.



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