



Financial Capability Partnership NI

led by the Consumer Council

Helping Consumers Manage Their Money Through Community Learning

For the attention of: Advice workers, family and health workers and literacy and numeracy tutors working in the community and voluntary sector.

The Financial Capability Partnership NI is made up of over 30 organisations from the education, community, voluntary, public and private sectors that 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 to all consumers across Northern Ireland with the objective of helping consumers acquire the money management skills they will need for life and work.

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

A4e deliver two projects in relation to Financial Capability.

Advice4debtNI 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

A4e have also teamed up with **The Money Advice Service**, an impartial service offered by the Government to offer free, unbiased money advice. Trained Money Advisers have been delivering free, one to one sessions to consumers 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

Citizens Advice provides a range of services including projects which supply money and debt advice to the public. Training offered includes the 'Wiseradviser' specialist level courses. The Enhanced Foundation Money Advice training courses provides training from foundation through to skilled (case worker) level money advice. These courses provide essential money advice training to develop money advisers and support the financial educational needs among our local communities.

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 90262525, email 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, Money Tips for Parents and Safer Ways to Pay leaflets 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. These are accessible online and through voluntary and community organisations. Home Budget Planners are available in English, Polish, Portuguese, Lithuanian and Slovakian. All resources can be found at www.consumercouncil.org.uk/education/adult-education-training/

EGSA works to raise awareness of the value of skills such as financial capability and provides information and advice on learning and work, including finance for learning. EGSA help adults to develop skills and maximise their earning potential. For further information visit www.egsa.org.uk or email info@egsa.org.uk

Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) provides money advice, budgeting training and presentations to community groups. For further information contact linda.hutchinson@nihe.gov.uk NIHE Community Cohesion Team or telephone on 028 9031 8236.

Your Money Garden Financial Education Project delivers financial capability courses on money management and budgeting to support women to develop the skills, knowledge and understanding they need to be able to manage their money effectively. The courses are primarily aimed at women, although not exclusively. For further information contact Ellen Finlay by emailing yourmoneygardenfep@gmail.com.



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