



# Financial Capability Partnership NI

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## Helping Young People Manage Their Money

**For the attention of: the Principal and Teachers of Mathematics, Home Economics and Business Studies.**

Teachers play a vital role in preparing young people for the future. It is important that young people develop the money management skills that will enable them to become financially capable adults.

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 post-primary school teachers in Northern Ireland to educate young people about financial capability.

The Financial Capability Partnership NI provides **free** training, support, guidance and resources to all schools across Northern Ireland with the objective of helping pupils acquire the knowledge and competence they will need for life and work.

### **What the Financial Capability Partnership NI can offer your school:**

**CCEA** has in place a Financial Capability team tasked with training and supporting teachers in schools across Northern Ireland, ensuring they have the knowledge, skills and confidence to deliver lessons in personal finance. A Financial Capability website also provides support and advice along with numerous online resources for use by teachers.

Visit: [www.nicurriculum.org.uk/fc](http://www.nicurriculum.org.uk/fc)

**Bank of Ireland** has partnered with **Young Enterprise Northern Ireland** to deliver a financial education programme called '**Learn to Earn**' to post-primary schools. The Learn to Earn programme aims to educate young people about money management and enterprise giving them the knowledge and confidence to succeed in a rapidly changing global economy. Your local Bank of Ireland representative will be delighted to visit your school and deliver the Learn to Earn programme. The programme is delivered using fun quizzes and board games to deliver the content in an engaging and innovative way. For more information please contact your local Bank of Ireland branch or visit: [www.yeni.co.uk](http://www.yeni.co.uk)

**The Consumer Council** organises teachers' conferences and produces support materials for the consumer awareness and money matters elements of the Home Economics Curriculum. Lesson plans, activities, presentations and publications (such as **Consumer Skills for Life**) can be downloaded from the Consumer Council's website. The Consumer Council's **Financial Capability Quiz** can also be downloaded from the website.

Visit: [www.consumerCouncil.org.uk/education](http://www.consumerCouncil.org.uk/education)

**First Trust Bank** carry out presentations, individually tailored for each age group, to pupils in post-primary schools. These presentations aim to teach young people the value of money and how to budget. With recent concerns from teachers on young people's frequent use of the internet we also explore the use of modern technology and its dangers with personal information. You can get more information from your local branch or by contacting Úna Quigley on 028 9047 9182.



Credit Unions affiliated to the **Irish League of Credit Unions** and the **Ulster Federation of Credit Unions** are working with post-primary schools to develop savers' schemes which aim to encourage young people to save for the future.

Visit: [www.creditunionni.co.uk](http://www.creditunionni.co.uk) for the Irish League of Credit Unions and [www.ufcu.co.uk](http://www.ufcu.co.uk) for the Ulster Federation of Credit Unions.

**Nationwide** have an interactive website for pupils, teachers and parents. It provides an online storybook and interactive board game with downloadable factsheets, word banks and worksheets for pupils. It covers a wide range of topics, predominantly aimed at developing pupils' confidence in using money and their knowledge of financial concepts.

Visit: [www.nationwideeducation.co.uk/www/index.php](http://www.nationwideeducation.co.uk/www/index.php)

**Northern Bank's Teaching Financial Capability website** is a free online support site for post-primary teachers. This straightforward guide shows teachers how to make the best use of Northern Bank's financial capability resources and see what is available for their class, whilst providing tips and ideas to support teaching. Visit: [www.teachingfc.co.uk](http://www.teachingfc.co.uk)

**Citizens Advice and Northern Bank** have developed a resource called '**Money Talks**', a toolkit for teachers and youth workers which covers topics such as banking, income, credit, debt, budgeting, saving and consumer rights. Dedicated staff from Northern Bank can provide one hour talks, linked to the Northern Ireland Curriculum, in classrooms and youth settings.

Visit: [www.citizensadvice.co.uk/moneytalks](http://www.citizensadvice.co.uk/moneytalks) or [www.northernbank.co.uk/literacy](http://www.northernbank.co.uk/literacy)

**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 schools and colleges introduces sixth form pupils and parents 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.

**Ulster Bank's 'MoneySense for Schools'** is an online financial education programme for post-primary schools, with 30 hours of classroom activities covering banking, borrowing, setting up a small business and preparing for independent living. Teachers are supported with suggested lesson plans, and a range of interactive quizzes, videos, games and downloadable worksheets. A network of 400 trained Ulster Bank staff are available to deliver MoneySense lessons alongside teachers.

Visit: [www.ulsterbank.co.uk/moneysenseforschools](http://www.ulsterbank.co.uk/moneysenseforschools)

“**Post-primary School Teacher – Omagh**  
It is an absolute joy to be given the opportunity as a Maths teacher to help develop such important lifelong skills in our young people.”

“**Year 10 Post-primary School Pupil – Ballymena**  
Learning financial capability is really important for my future. I am now more aware of the financial products that are out there.”



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