

# Financial education workshops

We believe that financial education is an essential life skill for every young person. Our free, interactive workshops for KS3, KS4 and post-16 students make money relevant and inspire them to get to grips with their finances.

Led by expert consultants, the workshops cover National Curriculum content for Maths and Citizenship, as well as forming part of PSHE – and can be tailored to different classes' needs.

The workshops cover five key areas:

### **Planning**

- What are your goals and how will you use money to reach them?
- Budgeting how to draw up a spending plan, needs vs wants and prioritising your spending

#### Saving

- · Why it is important to save
- Where to save and shopping for a savings account including an ISA

#### Debt

- Understanding that not staying on top of your money has consequences
- Knowing what credit is and how to use it wisely

# **Financial products**

- Banking, insurance, mortgages, pensions
- Student Finance

# **Everyday Money**

- Tax and NI
- How to be a savvy consumer & the cost of independent living
- · The economy and how it impacts me

### What we achieved

In 2014 we delivered 1,107
Young People workshops
reaching 29,686 students



Over 90% of students in every type of workshop agreed it was valuable and that they learnt something new about money

Before the workshop only 29% of students felt confident in creating a budget. After the workshop that rose considerably to 65% saying they felt confident





Before the workshop only 5% of students were 'confident' they knew what APR stood for. On leaving the presentation, 57% were confident they understood this term.





Over 115,000 students

reached in total since we started delivering financial education workshops in 2010



# What people said...

It is important to see this presentation so people know how much money is worth

Adam Corr, Year 9, Holy Trinity School

Thank you so much, it has been brilliant, the lesson was so informative and explained in a real way that the students will have learnt & remembered

Lynda Smith, Teacher, Oaks Park School

Having external speakers in the classroom shows the pupils the importance of the topic, livens up lessons, brings in current and up-to-date experts.

K.Marshall, Teacher, Carrickfergus Grammar School

I learnt that the more I save, the less I have to struggle. Saving money can be beneficial even in small amounts.

Year 10 student, Coombe Girls School

I want to thank you for the wonderful presentations & workshops we have experienced in school over the last 2 days. Pupils of all abilities were challenged, motivated and very well informed about financial issues, & gave very positive feedback.

Elaine Campbell (Head of Maths) Killicomaine
Junior High School

Now I know how fast money goes!

Antonia Stewart, Year 8,

Magherafelt High School

I will now value money more, as I did not think about the bills I will have to pay once I leave home. Money will definitely be spent more wisely now!

Lewis Evans, Year 13, Ysgol Greenhill School

What a fantastic session it was. The session was not only very well organised, but also very informative & very valuable to students. Such an important topic.

Nick Handley, Inclusion Lead Year 6 & 7, Shafton ALC

Pupils are stimulated by a different face and different teaching strategies, and the speaker is a specialist in the field. This is a superb service – very much appreciated and will be used frequently.

Karen Alexander, Teacher, Magherafelt High School

Taught me the importance of budgeting Nicola Kiely, Year 12, Queens School

I thought the group activity was particularly good – sorting the priorities, getting the pupils thinking about the cost of living Karen Turner, Teacher, Bolton College

"Overall, both the KS3/4 Money Workshop & Post 16 Money Workshops appear to engage, increase both knowledge and skill level, and improve learners confidence around money. This success results in a resounding recommendation by those attending."

Sterling Research