

FINANCIAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP



The FEP was launched in March 2002 to assist schools in the delivery of their obligations under the curriculum to deliver Financial Education. It has proved to be a very successful scheme and we have had numerous requests from schools all over Scotland who repeatedly use our service. This has proved to be very valuable to the students and they have gained great knowledge from our topics which cover a range of subjects that occur from personal budgeting to job seeking skills. We are looking to recruit more facilitators to volunteer their time to go out to the schools and deliver these pre-prepared workshops.

We provide all the workshop materials to the facilitator and we pay their expenses. We also provide regular training courses including presentation skills training for volunteers who have not done any presentation work before. As part of the training we cover all the workshop materials and how to deliver in schools.

Volunteering for the project helps everyone involved. It will help you to fine tune your presentation skills giving you more confidence in your job role, it helps teachers fulfil parts of the curriculum that may be hard to cover and it helps to give the students an idea of what they can really expect from life after school and what options there are in the financial sector for them.

WHEN ASKED, 100% OF FACILITATORS FELT THAT RUNNING THESE SESSIONS HAS AIDED THEIR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

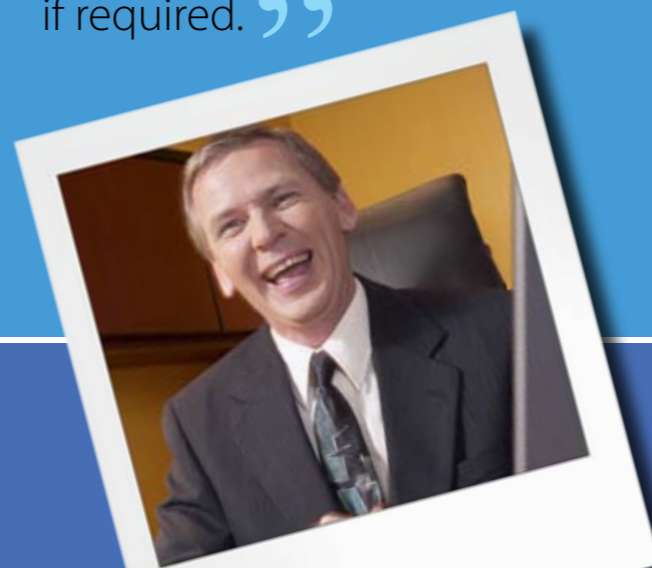


Are you a banking or finance professional? Would you like an opportunity to share your knowledge of finance with youngsters in Scotland's schools?

The Financial Education Partnership is an initiative shared by Airdrie Savings Bank, Clydesdale Bank, Halifax Bank of Scotland plc, Lloyds TSB Scotland, The Royal Bank of Scotland and Standard Life, all of which are dedicated to providing financial education for young people today. Through the FEP employees of these financial services organisations offer workshops on financial capability, and a range of other finance-related topics, to pupils in schools throughout Scotland.

And that's where you come in. We need professionals from the financial services community to volunteer their time to deliver the FEP's workshops.

“A thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding experience. I would be happy to help with further visits if required.”



How The Scheme Works

- We regularly send brochures out to schools all over Scotland. Interested schools contact us requesting various dates and times that would suit their needs and the topics required.
- We will then send a list of dates and times the schools are requesting out to speakers. The speakers then get back to us with any dates on the list that they feel they could happily fill.
- Once these have been confirmed by the speakers we send confirmation letters to the schools and the speakers. The speakers will also be sent the appropriate presentation pack for the topic, an expenses claim form and some feedback forms for themselves to provide opinions on the talk.
- We also give the speakers and the schools each others' contact details to discuss what they require for the talk, i.e. overhead projectors and directions to the school.

DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Influencing
- Creative thinking
- Communication skills
- Facilitation
- Confidence building
- Presentation skills
- Team skills including:
 - Building commitment
 - Motivating others
 - Networking and profile raising

Volunteers who are members of the Chartered Institute of Bankers in Scotland also receive CPD hours under the Continued Professional Development scheme.

Volunteering as a facilitator enables you to contribute towards educating young people on the importance of financial education while enjoying a new and stimulating challenge and gaining experience in giving presentations.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How much commitment is involved?

Speakers are free to undertake as few or as many visits as they wish.

How much work is involved?

We arrange all the visits, communicate with the schools and supply all of the workshop materials – all you need to do is choose which visits you would like to fill.

How far do I have to travel?

Up to you – you may wish to visit schools near to where you live or work, or may wish to combine a school visit with a business trip for example.

What topics would I be expected to cover?

The FEP currently offers ten separate workshops covering a variety of relevant topics. Students learn:

- personal budgeting
- effective time management
- different financial products and how they can satisfy different needs.
- careers in financial services
- preparing a winning job application
- effective interview skills
- setting up one's own business
- key communication skills
- effective debt management
- money and holidays – what's involved?

How much time does it take?

The presentation itself will take no longer than one hour, but travel and preparation time need to be taken into consideration. Of course, preparation time reduces the more visits you take on as you get to know the material.

Will I be responsible for the young people in the classroom?

No. The teacher is instructed not to leave the classroom at any time – so you will not be responsible for discipline.

Will it cost me anything?

No. Your travel expenses for attending a training course and giving workshops would be fully reimbursed by the FEP.

Can I really take the time away from work?

The financial services organisations taking part in the FEP recognise the importance of promoting financial capability among Scotland's young people and have committed to giving their employees the flexibility to volunteer their time in order to make this a reality.





“Delivering the FEP presentations to secondary school pupils has been an interesting challenge and widened my experience of delivery. It really made me think how to target my audience, and identify what interests teenagers. Naturally, you have to create the right atmosphere for open discussion and encourage any contribution and participation. The feedback I have received has been very positive, with some pupils rising to the challenge and really giving it a go!”



“Working with the Financial Education Partnership is a fantastic way to be involved both with the Institute and within the local community. My visits to schools have proved an excellent enhancement to my career CV and I know have been of great benefit also, to both the teachers and students. I would recommend anyone who has the “desire to inspire” and to make a difference to become involved. The support received from the Institute is wonderful and you really will come away from the visits on a high having made a worthwhile contribution.”



“The schools really appreciate the time you take, and whilst we all have busy jobs, the more people from our industry who can afford the time to present, the stronger the message gets.”

What do I do to start?
If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering please do not hesitate to contact the Financial Education Partnership at:

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The next workshop may be at a school near you, or perhaps even your old school. The FEP receives requests from schools from the Borders to Sutherland, and its continued success is a result of the generosity and enthusiasm of its facilitators. It's an opportunity both to give something back to the community and to share your knowledge and expertise with the next generation of Scots.

