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The My Skills and Future project formerly the Financial Education Partnership (FEP) is an initiative that offers free workshops in financial capability and other related topics in schools, colleges and community groups across Scotland.

The aim of the My Skills and Future project is to benefit students, teachers and the wider social and economic society as a whole. It provides direct classroom support to teachers for meeting financial education 'Curriculum for Excellence' (C4E) objectives whilst providing a high quality interactive learning experience for pupils.

The My Skills and Future project is administered and funded by the Chartered Banker Institute. It is delivered by a team of dedicated volunteers – all of whom are committed to promoting skills for tomorrow's young workforce through education.

The project is designed to assist schools in meeting their C4E experiences and outcomes by delivering FREE workshops in financial education and employability skills. Our volunteers are current bank and financial services employees who have vast experience in financial capability. Workshops have been designed and reviewed by teachers and are structured to be as interactive and engaging as possible whilst still meeting C4E outcomes. In the last year the project delivered, 145 workshops in 28 schools across Scotland. It directly supported 28 teachers by delivering financial education and employability skills workshops reaching approximately 4,350 young people.

The workshops we offer are around 30/45 minutes long and are all interactive:

Primary



Pounds & Pennies

The key focus of this workshop is for pupils to correctly identify the range of coins in circulation across Scotland and Great Britain. Pupils will demonstrate learning by combining coins and/or notes to achieve a given monetary value.



MoneyBags

The key focus of this workshop is the basic principles of earning an income and how individuals spend money on day-to-day expenses. This lesson also is a good introduction to the issues of poverty, unfairness and inequality.



Basic Budgets

The key focus of this workshop is the basic principles of personal budgeting. Students are introduced to a number of fundamental concepts pertinent to budgeting and why financial education is important to their development as young adults.

Secondary Employability Skills



CV & Job Applications

This workshop aims to teach students how to prepare a winning job application. There are a few simple rules when it comes to preparing a CV yet research shows that so many people get it wrong!



Interview Skills

The aim of this workshop is to help prepare students for an interview, for whatever trade, role, profession, college or university place they wish to go on to. Preparation is key when applying for interviews and students are taught a number of effective techniques on how to best prepare for an interview.

Financial Education



Managing Your Money

The aim of this workshop is to teach students that having enough money is less to do with how much you earn and more to do with how well you manage it. In addition to the amount that you end up earning; having enough money is affected by how you think about money and how you treat money. The workshop looks at managing your money in terms of being aware of where your money goes, the importance of saving, sensible borrowing and shopping around for the best deals.



Financial Products

This workshop aims to teach students about some of the financial products that they are all likely to encounter soon or in future, if not already. It does not speak about any specific company's products but, hopefully, will provide them with information to be able to make good financial decisions and know what to look for, and what to avoid, when shopping around for financial products.

If you would like more information on any of the workshops, then please contact: fep@charteredbanker.com

If you would like to book any workshops, then please email: fep@charteredbanker.com with the dates/times, class details and the workshops you would like to have delivered.



Testimonials

Pupil Feedback – Interview Skills workshop

“This workshop has made me feel much more confident. I feel much more prepared for interviews in the future.”

Teacher Feedback – Pounds & Pennies and Basic Budgets workshops

“Thank you for your help in making our Skills for Life Week a great success. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves and certainly learned skills for life.”

Volunteer Feedback – Sarah L Haigh

“FEP gives me an immense sense of personal satisfaction and achievement and the pupils give me as much as I give them! Spending time with them gives me a lift, knowing I’m helping the next generation and hopefully teaching them how to better understand the world of finance and managing money.”

Volunteer Feedback – Ronald Courtney

“The FEP volunteering experience is life enriching and unbeatable. I have been to some wonderful schools, spoken and worked with dedicated teachers and some very inspiring pupils. I would not have missed this experience for the world. Just wonderful.”

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2025
Foundation

Are you working with talented young people who are looking for a career in Financial Services?

The Chartered Banker 2025 Foundation awards bursaries to support talented individuals who wish to study banking qualifications offered by the Chartered Banker Institute or their partners. The scheme aims to support individuals

who wish to pursue a career in banking but would find this difficult because of their financial circumstances.

Our focus is on proactively attracting individuals who are historically under-represented in the banking profession, including individuals from minority groups and specific socioeconomic backgrounds who display the likely academic talent and drive to gain a professional banking qualification.

Criteria

If the answer is yes to the following questions, then you are eligible to apply for a 2025 Foundation Bursary:

Is the household income, or your parental/guardian income, under £34,000? OR Are you an adult (18 and over) applicant not currently in employment, whose income does not exceed £18,000 per annum?

Do your circumstances mean you would be unable to otherwise undertake banking qualifications due to your financial situation?

If the answer is yes to the above, then individuals are eligible to apply for a 2025 Foundation Bursary. If you would like to clarify eligibility, please e-mail: **2025@charteredbanker.com**

More information can be found at: **www.charteredbanker.com/2025foundation**



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