

OUR MONEY, OUR FUTURE

FINANCIAL LITERACY SPONSORSHIP FOR POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS

TEACHERS' TOOLKIT



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About Our Money, Our Future

Our Money, Our Future offers either €500 or €1,000 in CCPC sponsorship to support financial literacy projects in post-primary schools and Youthreach centres. These initiatives encourage practical, creative learning and promote long-term financial wellbeing among students and learners.

The programme is aligned with the [National Financial Literacy Strategy](#) and complements CCPC school programmes like Money Matters, Money Counts and Ábhair Airgead.

Programme Objectives

The aim of Our Money, Our Future is to support post-primary schools and Youthreach centres to:

- Design and implement inclusive, student-led financial literacy initiatives
- Align initiatives with the [EU/OECD Financial Competence Framework for Children and Youth](#).
- Emphasise real-world relevance and practical financial skills
- Encourage critical thinking, creativity, and sustainable financial practices/approaches
- Share student work during Ireland's [Global Money Week](#)

What is a Financial Literacy Initiative?

A financial literacy initiative is a structured activity or project that helps students:

- Understand key money concepts like saving, budgeting, and decision-making
- Apply these concepts in real-world scenarios
- Develop practical skills that are relevant across subjects, contexts and life stages

Making the Most of the Sponsorship

Use the sponsorship to cover costs directly related to financial literacy learning. Here are some ways to get started:

- Classroom Resources
- Budgeting journals or finance-themed books
- Financial literacy posters or classroom displays
- Travel cost for a financial literacy-related trip

Our Money, Our Future initiatives do not need to be overly ambitious or large scale. Schools/centres should focus on initiatives that fit within their capacity. Small scale and focused initiatives can have significant impact!

Themes and Curriculum Links

Sponsored initiatives can align with curriculum areas like Mathematics, Business, Home Economics, SPHE, LCA, TY, or short courses on enterprise and sustainability. Initiatives may be:

- Cross-curricular
- Linked to wellbeing or careers
- Tied to sustainability or student voice

See the ways in which a financial literacy initiative could connect to and support learning outcomes for your chosen subject [here](#).

Example

Students from Hospital Youthreach won an award for their sustainable enterprise 'The Greenhouse Crop,' which used a cross-curricular approach, integrating financial education with sustainability and career preparation using elements of Maths, IT Wellbeing, English and Woodwork curricula.

Example

LCA, ASD and TY students at High Cross College explored the value of homemade food compared to shop bought food. They made ice cream, bread, orange juice, pesto, chicken goujons and coleslaw. They found out that not only was the home-made version cheaper, but it was also healthier too. And they had a great time tasting their recipes, with 14 out of 18 students preferring the homemade pesto!

Example

Students created posters that were displayed at the Global Money Week launch event in Croke Park – these can be spotted in the video footage from the [Global Money Week launch event 2025](#). Some students designed and created bespoke and customisable budget planners, using their art skills in the process. These included specially designed notebooks, binders and cash stuffing envelopes.

Interactive Tools

- Simulation or board games (e.g. Monopoly, Cashflow)
- Build-your-own-game projects
- Budgeting apps or digital quizzes

Example

A number of students designed and developed their own board games and apps. Some schools also invested in board games as long-term resources for the school, using these to explore real life financial decision making and for peer-to-peer learning initiatives.

Events & Speakers

- Guest talks by local credit union staff or financial planners
 - Any involvement by financial service providers should reflect the Department of Finance's [Guidelines for the Financial Services Industry on Providing Financial Education in Schools](#), developed under the framework of the [National Financial Literacy Strategy](#).
- Peer-led workshops for younger students
- Community finance fairs or challenges

Example

TY and 5th year students in St Macartan's College, Monaghan organised a career fair focused on careers for a sustainable world. This event included a series of keynote speakers from the business world, seminars with guests from a variety of industries, and podcast recordings with the speakers to delve deeper into the importance of financial literacy in their career and business journeys.

Real-World Budgeting

- Manage the budget for a school event
- Set up a mini business or social enterprise
- Partner with local businesses for budgeting projects

Example

In one school, students managed the tickets for a school show, giving them hands-on experience with budgeting, cash handling, income tracking, and financial goal setting. They got to see how much work goes into managing finances behind the scenes and were proud of the role they played in making the show a success!

School Visits

- Tours of banks, credit unions, social enterprises, or local markets
 - Any involvement by financial service providers should reflect the Department of Finance's [Guidelines for the Financial Services Industry on Providing Financial Education in Schools](#), developed under the framework of the [National Financial Literacy Strategy](#).
- Visits to farms or companies to explore financial decision-making

Example

Trips, focused on learning about finance and business, and developing skills to apply to their own initiatives, included:

- Visits to local entrepreneurs, businesses and market
- Central Bank visitor centre
- Local farms or wildlife parks
- Collins Barracks 'History of Money' Exhibition
- Rediscovery Centre in Ballymun to learn about the circular economy and sustainability
- Factories, e.g. Butler's chocolate factory, to learn about the business, pricing and marketing
- Local Chamber of Commerce to pitch mini company ideas to a panel of judges

Campaigns & Outputs

- Create a podcast, zine, or video series on financial topics
- Launch a student-designed campaign against impulse buying or financial misinformation

Example

1st years and 2nd years in St Kevin's Community College, Dunlavin explored key financial topics and created podcasts to share this information. They used digital storytelling to build financial literacy, with podcasts focused on topics around consumer rights and responsibilities, globalisation, and types of insurance. These podcasts have been integrated into Business Studies classes in the school and new episodes are shared on social media.

Example

Many schools organised financial literacy campaigns which tended to involve activities across multiple year groups of students, and sometimes teachers, with activities often linked to Global Money Week. These included quizzes, escape rooms, budgeting challenges, poster competitions and peer-to-peer workshops.

Are you still thinking about what **you** could do with your class?

Browse these themed ideas for inspiration from previously sponsored projects:

Money and Transactions

Using money, payments, income/expenses, everyday spending

- Student-run mini-companies
- School enterprise events (markets, fairs)
- Cooking & food budgeting projects
- Savings and budgeting challenges (money diaries, tracking spend)
- Board games / financial gameplay
- Escape room financial challenges
- Digital finance awareness (online banking, wallets)
- Awareness campaigns (practical money tips)
- Budgeting for events or trips
- School garden / agricultural enterprise
- Financial literacy quiz/games/competitions
- Financial board game design
- Budget simulation challenge
- Real-life scenario projects (shopping, food, living costs)
- Chicken rearing / production enterprise
- Financial literacy through creative media (applied money use)

Planning and Managing Finances

Budgeting, saving, planning ahead, financial decision-making

- Budget simulation challenge (€100 / salary scenarios)
- Savings and budgeting challenges
- Financial literacy workshops
- Coding/digital budgeting tools (apps, spreadsheets)
- Real-life scenario projects (moving out, cost of living, car ownership)
- Student-led research & presentations
- Financial literacy resource creation
- Cross-curricular financial learning
- Financial literacy programmes (whole-school)
- Budgeting for events/trips
- School garden enterprise (tracking profit/loss)
- Cooking & meal planning projects
- Entrepreneurship programmes
- Financial wellbeing / money confidence programmes
- Student-led planning & project design initiatives
- Personal finance education (payslips, tax, budgeting)
- Financial literacy week (structured learning activities)

Risk and Reward

Understanding trade-offs, uncertainty, profit/loss, scams, investment

- Stock market simulation / investment club
- Mini-companies (profit/loss, pricing decisions)
- Dragon's Den pitch competitions
- Scam, fraud & online safety programmes
- Escape room (loans, scams, decisions)
- Sustainability-linked financial projects (trade-offs, cost vs impact)
- Business trips (understanding real financial decisions)
- Awareness of risks (debt, fraud, gambling-style thinking)
- Enterprise projects (pricing, investment, returns)
- Financial games and competitions (decision-making under pressure)
- Digital finance awareness (risk in online systems)
- Investment challenges
- Real-life scenario simulations (unexpected costs, "curveballs")
- Student-led campaigns on scams and financial risks

Financial Landscape

Understanding systems, institutions, economy, wider financial world

- Guest speaker series (banks, credit unions, entrepreneurs)
- Field trips to businesses, banks, institutions
- Business operation trips (farms, tourism hubs, factories)
- Financial literacy fair / exhibition
- School-wide financial literacy week
- Financial awareness campaigns
- Intergenerational/community engagement
- Resource creation (booklets, websites, toolkits)
- Taxation, payslips, government finance learning
- Cross-curricular integration
- Digital finance & fintech awareness
- Financial literacy clubs
- Podcast/video content creation
- Research projects on financial systems
- Central Bank / institutional visits
- Whole-school culture initiatives
- Entrepreneurship development programmes

Sharing your students' work at Global Money Week

The CCPC is the national coordinator for Ireland's [Global Money Week](#) programme of events. As part of Global Money Week, the CCPC organises a launch event in March each year, which will include showcasing the *Our Money, Our Future* initiatives. We will provide further information about this to successful applicants.

All completed *Our Money, Our Future* initiatives, upon submission to the CCPC, are eligible for entry into the *Our Money, Our Future* financial literacy sponsorship competition.

Sponsored initiatives will be eligible for awards and prizes across a number of categories. For inspiration, read about the [2025 prize winners](#) and [the 2026 prize winners](#) and see what happened at the [2025 launch event](#) and the [2026 launch event](#).

We wish all schools and centres every success with their financial literacy initiatives and look forward to engaging with the work you develop!