



Money skills for life



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Money skills for life is a free one-hour personal finance talk, developed by the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) to provide independent financial education to employees, with the support of their employer, and to members of other organisations. Talks are delivered by presenters trained by the CCPC and each attendee gets a free handbook to take home, which contains lots of useful information and tools to help them manage their money. The talk covers six topics:

- Sorting out your money;
- Saving and investing;
- Insurance;
- Borrowing money;
- Dealing with debt; and
- Planning for later life.

The programme was piloted in 2011 and following a full evaluation, a redeveloped version was launched by Deputy Richard Bruton, Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, in April 2012. Since then, the programme has successfully reached employees in public and private sector organisations throughout the country and to other community groups.

Objectives of the programme

The overall objective of the initiative is to empower consumers by raising awareness and giving them information so they feel motivated to examine their personal finances and make at least one change that positively impacts on their situation.

We want consumers to feel confident that they know what questions to ask or where to go to should they need further help. As such, it is important that the programme is suitably stimulating and in particular, that presenters are trained to engage with audiences to motivate them to make changes to their personal finance habits and behaviours.

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- You will need to be a Qualified Financial Adviser or have a similar qualification or have extensive experience in the financial services industry (a minimum of five years).
- Previous experience in presenting would be desirable but is not a requirement.
- You will need to attend a full day of training provided by the CCPC either at their offices in Dublin 1 or remotely via Zoom, Microsoft Teams etc. The following is covered during training;
 - Overview of MSFL
 - Presentation skills
 - Tips for dealing with nerves, engaging an audience and general presenting
 - FAQs for presenters
 - Presentations to the group
 - Evaluation
- As the basis for the entire programme is the **independent nature of the information being delivered** we never recommend a particular product or provider and this should be considered before volunteering for Money skills for life.