

## Unit 1

### MoneyCounts

Please see [Facilitator Guidelines](#)

This unit will explore why it is so important to understand all aspects of money management.

#### Aim

Learners will understand the importance of learning about money.

#### Objectives

- 1.1 Form the group through “getting to know you” activity
- 1.2 Establish house rules
- 1.3 Explore the importance of understanding money

#### Facilitator Resources

Flipchart

#### IT Resources

Interactive flipchart



## Objective 1.1

Form the group through “getting to know you” activity

The group may already know each other but an ice-breaker game will relax the group before the session begins. Feel free to use a similar game to suit the particular group.

Ask group to sit in a circle. Ask for a volunteer to start the game. Ask the volunteer to introduce themselves to the group and say one activity they like doing. Continue this around the group until everyone has introduced themselves to the group.

## Objective 1.2

Establish house rules

It is important that the group agrees house rules with regard to the **MoneyCounts** programme – one method for doing so could be:

Ask the learners to come up with their own house rules and record these on a flipchart which is to be visible during each session i.e. up on the wall of the training room.

Ask each learner to come up with a rule and then everyone in the group must sign the sheet which encourages ownership and responsibility and can be referred to throughout the programme if needs be.

## What we want from the course

It is important to give the group an overview of what will be covered in the 10 units of **MoneyCounts** and to ground their expectations.

Ask each learner to now take it in turns to share with the group what they want to learn from the course. No answer is incorrect and some may overlap.

## Objective 1.3

Explore the importance of understanding money


Facilitator to lead a group discussion around the reasons / arguments why understanding money is important ideas that come up should be put up on a flipchart.

Ask learners to navigate their way to Activity 1.3 – Learners will view a virtual flipchart with audio.

## Flipchart

### Why is understanding money important?

Suggestions may include:

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- A graphic of a flipchart with a list of reasons why understanding money is important. The flipchart is white with a grey spine on the right side. The background is light blue.
- To buy things
  - To have fun!
  - To socialise
  - To go on holiday
  - Independence
  - To pay bills
  - To be responsible for my money
  - To be able to give some money to charity
  - Safety
  - To plan for the future
  - To help pay my way at home
  - To get what I want
  - To be able to have my own home
  - It is my right to access and manage my own money
  - If I mind my money, I can protect myself from dishonest people.
  - To be paid fairly for work that I do

## Summary

Sum up that we are now clear on why everyone is doing this course; we're all agreed that learning about money is important; we understand that there are some rules for our group and we'll keep these visible throughout the programme.