



## Financing and planning for an uncertain future

### Centrepoint

Centrepoint is the leading national charity working with homeless young people aged 16 to 25. We are a registered social housing provider, a charity enterprise and a company limited by guarantee. Established nearly 50 years ago, we support 9,000 young people every year with housing, health and learning to enable them to get their lives back on track.

Moneywise is the umbrella term for the range of activities delivered by Centrepoint as part of its holistic support; aimed at improving the financial and mental wellbeing, financial resilience and financial capability of homeless young people. Moneywise is a support programme comprised of accredited training, mentoring, workshops, external experts, ambassadors and ad-hoc advice, the delivery of which varies from hostel to hostel, duration of stay permitted and hostel service structure/management.

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### National Skills Academy for Financial Services

The National Skills Academy for Financial Services is an employer-led charity working with the UK Financial Services Industry.

The mission of the National Skills Academy is:

- To help people, particularly from disadvantaged communities, to secure employment in the financial services sector.
- To contribute to the improvement of the diversity of the workforce in the financial services sector.
- To support skills development in the financial services sector.
- To improve the financial capability of the wider UK population.

The charitable purposes of the National Skills Academy are as follows:

**Skills & Accreditations:** For the public benefit, to advance the education of individuals who are working in the financial services sector in the UK and to advance standards of excellence in the sector, in particular but not exclusively by (a) the provision of skills training and accreditations, (b) the promotion of standards of compliance required by the sector, (c) the promotion of diversity in the sector, (d) consultation with participating employers and relevant skills bodies to set policy, strategy and oversee implementation of the provision of education and training as required by the sector.

**Employability:** For the public benefit, to advance inclusion, to provide education, and to relieve unemployment of public individuals who are currently out of work in the UK, focusing on those who may be considered part of a disadvantaged group or community, and who, in particular but not exclusively, wish to work in the financial services sector, by providing employability skills training.



**Financial Education:** For the public benefit, to advance inclusion, provide education, and to prevent or relieve the poverty of individuals in the UK, focusing on those who may be considered part of a disadvantaged group or community, by providing financial capability training and resources.

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## Quaker Social Action

Quaker Social Action is an independent charity founded 150 years ago as the Bedford Institute Association. Its purpose is to tackle poverty in east London. It works directly with people in need, offers training to other professionals who work in the sector and campaigns for change on a national level. For the past 13 years it has a run successful financial capability course for families and individuals, Made of Money.

Building on the success of that project, Get Set is a financial wellbeing project for parents of children aged 7-11 in Islington. It supports parents to develop the values, standards and habits in their children that provide a context for using practical financial skills. It is about opening a dialogue with ourselves, our peers and with our families. The course addresses the difficulties of talking to children about money and provides activities and tools to bring them into the conversation.

The project is a blend of:

- Three one-to-one coaching sessions where parents can look at their individual lives and take action to achieve their personal financial goals, plans and ambitions.
- Four group sessions that use discussion, reflection and peer-to-peer support to help parents become more aware of their own behaviour around money and how it might impact their children.
- Parents can access a host of online activities to do at home with their children. These include looking at adverts and using online budgeting apps or spotting marketing techniques when out at the supermarket.

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## Rocket Science

Rocket Science is an independent research and consultancy organisation. We conduct evaluations of employability, education and grant programmes across the UK. Rocket Science has been working within the financial capability space since 2007, from conducting research into hidden indebtedness (Cripplegate Foundation) and its relation to poverty, through to national evaluations to support financial inclusion (Citizens Advice and Shelter). We are working on four evaluations linked to the Money Advice Service, What Works Fund.

This work builds on our experience working with vulnerable young people, which includes evaluating the Prince's Trust 'Achieve' alternative education programme and completing an analysis of hidden need in Westminster. Rocket Science also works extensively in the employability sector, working with local councils (Bath and North-East Somerset; Havering; Waltham Forest; Blackpool) to design and implement employment and skills strategies to reduce poverty. The work we do recognises the increasing importance of building financial resilience to manage working lives now and in the future.

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