

Money Matters: Tackling Debt and Managing Money in Oxfordshire

Information and programme for delegates

Dear delegate,

Thank you for your interest in this event. If you have not already done so, please let me know by e-mail whether you have any dietary or access needs. The venue is wheelchair accessible, but there is a limit on the number of wheelchair users we can accommodate. Please visit <http://bit.ly/bJw5BJ> for more information on the venue.

The programme and timings for the day follow on page 2. As you will see, we have a great line-up of stimulating speakers to inform and challenge. But your contribution to the day will be crucial – we want the event to be a space where you can find out what other organisations are doing and how issues of debt and money management in Oxfordshire can be addressed collaboratively.

We will be asking delegates throughout the day to respond to two key questions:

- What do you or your organisation know about debt and managing money in Oxfordshire? (for example, what are the needs for services, what are the demands, what are the barriers to people getting help, what does your organisation do already, what could your organisation contribute?)
- In the light of what you know, what could be done to help Oxfordshire residents manage their money better and tackle problem debt? (for example, publicising the ways in which residents can get debt advice, developing joint services with housing associations, developing pathways for people to get help, working with employers to deliver money management workshops)

We have also intentionally set aside time for you to meet other delegates, network and visit the stands of their organisations. If you have booked a stand, we will be contacting you separately – if you have not heard from us by 10 September, please get in touch.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 28 September – registration begins at 10.00am and the conference will start promptly at 10.30am.

Best regards,

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10.00am	Registration of conference delegates: please pick up your delegate pack and badge, and (if you can join us) choose your afternoon workshops. Do also help yourself to refreshments and introduce yourself to others
10.30am	Housekeeping and overview of day, welcome from Bob Price, Leader of Oxford City Council
10.40am	David Hawkes, AdviceUK National Money Advice Coordinator: Money advice and financial capability work – an introduction to their value and what’s involved
10.50am	Jane Phipps, Specialist Support, Citizens Advice: What’s the picture in Oxfordshire and what might we be able to do better?
11.00am	Our main speaker is Sharon Collard, Director and Senior Research Fellow of the Personal Finance Research Centre in Bristol. Sharon will be speaking to us on problem debt and financial exclusion, looking at what’s being done nationally, and the evidence for what works and what doesn’t. http://bit.ly/ckt7BY for a brief introduction to her work.
11.20am	Tackling debt and managing money: individual experiences. As well as hearing case studies of Oxfordshire residents who have benefited from debt advice and help with money management, we’ll also be hearing from former ITN news presenter Ed Mitchell on his experience of sliding into debt: http://bit.ly/vgbz for reporting on this story
11.50am	Questions and comments from the floor to David, Jane, Sharon and other speakers
12.00pm	Networking session and chance to visit stands of organisations. Refreshments will also be available.
12.30pm	Lin Fisher, Financial Inclusion Partnership Officer South East – loan sharks and what we can do to stop them
1.00pm	Lunch and opportunity for further networking
Afternoon workshops – there will be interactive workshops looking at how debt and money management relate to particular issues and client groups in Oxfordshire, such as: financial capability; fuel poverty; and housing need.	
1.50pm	First afternoon workshop slot
2.25pm	Second afternoon workshop slot
3.00pm	Close – thank you for coming!