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Free money (advice)

The first financial inclusion conference in Tameside invites the public to attend – and, with no small print to hide behind, organisers are proud to announce it's free!

The "Money matters...and so do you" event takes place at Hyde Town Hall on Friday 30th November. The conference wants to raise awareness of financial inclusion and bring people together to look at solutions. Money Information Network Tameside (MiNT) is an alliance of local organisations which has organised the day.

David Heyes MP is the keynote speaker, but it won't all be talk. Manchester-based Waters Edge Theatre Company will perform a thought-provoking short play about life in debt. And informal workshops will ask delegates to contribute their ideas to areas as diverse as savings, schoolwork and central heating.

David Burdis, Financial Inclusion Manager is based at New Charter, one of the partners in MiNT. He said: "We want to attract residents of Tameside to come along, as we have already signed up many advice agencies and service providers. Financial inclusion might be seen by some as worthy but dull – we aim to change that by having some fun along the way, and stimulating the audience. I'd summarise our event as concentrating on ABC: Advice, Banking and Credit."

To book a place at this groundbreaking event, just e-mail david.burdis@newcharter.co.uk or telephone him on 0161 331 2000.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. New Charter is one of the founding partners of Money Information Network Tameside (MiNT). MINT is an alliance of local organisations, including the Cashbox Credit Union, Citizens Advice Bureau Tameside, Tame Valley Partnership, Tameside Council and other Registered Social Landlords.
2. MiNT aims to give everyone locally access to all the personal finance information they need, irrespective of age, race or gender. All partners share a vision of giving people the right tools and skills so they can manage their personal finances and avoid the "debt trap".
3. Workshop topics include:
 - Debt advice provision - what suits you best?
 - Why didn't I learn this at school? - practical financial know-how;
 - Pennies and pensions - covering older people's money issues;
 - Affordable warmth - looking at fuel poverty; and
 - Should I save or should I borrow? - comparing credit unions with home credit.
4. The conference is free to residents but there is a small charge (of £30 + VAT) for service providers and businesses.
5. **iN business for neighbourhoods** is a long-term project highlighting housing associations' performance. As social businesses, housing associations do not make profit. They offer homes for rent and sale at prices local people can afford. Housing associations provide more than homes - they help create places where people want to live. Wherever you see the **iN business for neighbourhoods** sign, something great is happening in the area. Housing Associations who display this logo are committed to their customers, the neighbourhoods they work in and strive for excellence in everything they do.

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