

# HousingNorthwest

## **Bolton's Money Skills Service**

Bolton's Money Skills Service helps to prevent social and financial exclusion and promote financial capability.

They do this by delivering training sessions based on financial themes. These feature a mix of activities which seek to address the emotional, mental and physical impact of money worries as well as imparting practical information on money matters.

Eight of the sessions they deliver have been approved by the Assessment and Qualifications Alliance (AQA) Unit Award Scheme, enabling participants to receive a certificate for their endeavors to mark their personal achievements.

Based within Community Housing Services, Money Skills work in collaboration with tenants, community groups and housing associations to design, plan and deliver a variety of training and awareness raising initiatives and activities to improve both housing officer's and tenant's knowledge and develop confidence in money management – thus helping to create sustainable tenancies.

Whilst the Money Skills Service was initially piloted to assist those living within disadvantaged and deprived communities within Bolton, they have recently extended their service to work with other housing providers, throughout the North West.

For more information, please email [moneyskills@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:moneyskills@bolton.gov.uk) or visit the link to the national money skills website: [www.quids-in.org](http://www.quids-in.org)

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