

Debt Advice Training

An important objective for the LSP is the provision of debt advice services in the Bassetlaw district. Personal debt is unfortunately a growing problem, which in the long term can only be resolved through a joint strategy of awareness raising, money education, debt management & counselling services and economic growth resulting in an increased standard of living.

As part of this strategy Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council, Bassetlaw Citizens Advice Bureau and Bassetlaw District Council decided to run an initial debt awareness-training course.

Following pilot sessions carried out in September 2003, the aim of the course is to help local workers identify at an early stage personal debt problems and to encourage referrals to debt advisors. The 3-hour course has 5 objectives, namely:

1. Better understanding of the cause of debt.
2. Better understanding of who could be affected.
3. Awareness of the possible indicators of indebtedness.
4. Understand the basic principles of debt management.
5. Greater knowledge of where people can get help.

Fourteen workers from the Bassetlaw area attended the session run by the CAB on the 15th December and worked through a number of group exercises that explored the above objectives.

Feedback from the course participants was good and showed the need for a revision of one part of the course to meet the one of the objectives. All the other objectives were met and the participants enjoyed the style of facilitation of the course.

It is planned to run the course again and to deliver it in other districts of the county.

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