



Leaving care, for University

You don't have to be posh, for Uni Dosh

London, July 20th, How do you best prepare young people for University? Usually students make sure they can make a good 'beans on toast', and use a washing machine. Not at the Hackney Leaving Care Service. Educational charity MyBnk dropped by on Tuesday 20th July to deliver their Uni Dosh workshop, showing young people the importance of managing money while living independently.

University can be an expensive time for students *and* parents, ongoing uncertainty around tuition fees and loans has had Hackney Leaving Care encouraging members to get involved in financial education. The Care Advisory Service wants to make the transition from care easier for young people, believing University finance is key to their commitment. Students agreed *"Learning how to budget was most useful, it really put into perspective how much I should spend. Along with finding out what loans and grants I'm entitled to"*

MyBnk's workshop covers bursaries to budgeting; exploring options available to young people in a fun participatory environment. *"Students are faced with various financial situations; MyBnk wants young people thinking about their finance at an important stage of their lives"*.

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NOTE TO THE EDITOR

MyBnk was founded by a group of young people responding to a need to equip today's youth to avoid debt and financial exclusion, and to make enterprising choices about their lives. MyBnk inspires students to become 'savvy savers' and informed financial consumers with its innovative hands-on and fun approach.

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