E-bulletin Summer 2012
This e-briefing is from the Centre on Household Assets and Savings Management (CHASM) at the University of Birmingham to keep you informed of our latest activities.

News

New associate members
CHASM has a new associate membership scheme designed to develop links with academics and experts with similar research interests to CHASM. The new associate members of CHASM are:

External associate members
Celia Allaby
Programme and Policy Director
Personal Financial Education Group (PfEG)

Beth Breeze
Centre for Philanthropy
School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research, University of Kent

Chris Evans
Professor of Taxation
University of New South Wales, Australia

Damon Gibbons
Director
Centre for Responsible Credit

James Gregory
Researcher
Centre for London

Omar Khan
Head of Policy Research
Runnymede Trust

Rajiv Prabhakar
Lecturer in Personal Finance
Open University
Assessing financial literacy in secondary schools
Lindsey Appleyard and Peter Davies have been awarded £4,600 from the College of Social Sciences’ Advanced Social Science Collaborative to develop an assessment tool for financial literacy in secondary schools. Research will be carried out in three schools to gather in-depth data on variation in levels of students’ financial understanding. These data will be analysed to provide an evidence base for an international workshop including collaborators from US and Switzerland alongside teachers from the schools involved in the research.

AHRC project on Responsibilities, Ethics and the Financial Crisis
Tom Sorell and Karen Rowlingson presented at an Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) conference on ‘Fairness and responsibility in an unequal society’ on June 28th at Senate House, University of London.

Two Research Fellows have been recruited to the AHRC project, James Dempsey is working with Tom Sorell and Eliana Lauretta with Andy Mullineux.
Further details of the project can be found here:

Students on ‘Your Money and Your Life’ module graduate
In 2011/2012, CHASM ran a new module for final-year undergraduates in social policy, ‘Your Money and Your Life: from welfare state to personal finance’. A total of 25 students took the module, giving it an average satisfaction rating of 4.7 out of 5. The module combines academic debate about the shift in responsibility for financial security from the state to the individual with involvement from external agencies (Birmingham CAB and Law Centre took part this year) and some financial capability sessions for students. This picture shows some of the students who took the module on graduation day in July 2012.

Advisory board
CHASM held its third annual advisory board meeting on 2nd July. Minutes of the meeting and annual report can be found here:
http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/social-policy/chasm/governance/chasm-minutes.aspx

Recent publications

Other CHASM publications can be accessed on our website

Our latest briefing papers discuss:
- Short-termism, Stewardship and the Kay ‘Review’
• The credit crunch after 'Project Merlin'
• Why the 'Free' Banking scam should be stopped
• The social purpose of Banks

All our briefing papers are available on the CHASM website

Current Research
Details of our current research

Feedback
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Best wishes,

The CHASM Team