

STOP LOAN SHARKS

Intervention . Support . Education

Our Offer to Partners

We need your help to bring illegal money lenders to justice. Key partners include the Police, Community Safety, local authorities, housing providers, debt advice workers, Credit Unions, schools, family services, social services, medical practitioners, health trusts and everyone who works with vulnerable people. We are happy to work with any agency in England who believe our work may be relevant to their clients.

We can offer the following – **free of charge**:

- Presentations to staff to raise awareness, face-to-face or online. These are tailored to different sectors and last around 60 minutes.
- Bespoke training for staff (lasting 2-3 hours) to provide face-to-face in-depth discussion about intelligence, client support and crime prevention. This is a more interactive session than the presentation and to date, 98% of learners have scored the training at 8 or above out of 10
- One to one support for any client who is the victim of an illegal lender. This includes an informal conversation if they prefer, where we can talk them through the process of giving information to the team
- Publicity material: posters, postcards, pdfs, bespoke articles for newsletters and websites
- Certificates for staff and evidence of training and partnership working for inspections
- A resource in terms of staffing for awareness raising events for clients – presence at community events and door knocking exercises
- Information on Weeks Of Action, intelligence guides and victim charters
- We can sometimes provide funding for your organisation to raise awareness of loan sharks whilst increasing your profile in the community. This funding is provided with money taken from illegal lenders under the Proceeds Of Crime Act.
- Your organization can apply for a Partner Recognition Award: Protect your clients and embed the “Stop Loan Sharks” message in the work that you do and you can become an IMLT Partner or PartnerPlus.
- “Loan shark proofing” your policies and procedures - making sure your clients are protected

- Preventative education work: We can provide lesson packs for educators covering all things money related. Packs fit in with the national curriculum and key stages and are available for 5-11 year old pupils and age 11-19 students
- 'Community Advocate' training session for tenants, volunteers & community members who are committed to learning about illegal money lenders and supporting their community to report activity
- Bespoke projects or campaigns designed to engage particular groups. Examples include: Credit Union savings scheme targeted at private tenants or a drama within schools etc.
- Input on your Financial Inclusion, Child Poverty or Community Safety Strategy
- Guest speaking at housing/financial inclusion/crime prevention/poverty conferences
- Promotional items for events including our shark suits and giant banner (below)



For more details on any of the above please contact Cath Wohlers, LIAISE Manager, England Illegal Money Lending Team: Catherine.wohlers@birmingham.gov.uk or your local LIAISE.