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Central Bank Launches “Club FINLIT” In Celebration of Global Money Week 2026

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. March 19, 2026 – On Wednesday, March 18, 2026, the Central Bank’s National Financial Literacy Programme (NFLP), hosted seven secondary schools from across Trinidad, at the official launch of a pilot Secondary Schools Financial Literacy Club – “**Club FINLIT**”. The event forms part of the Bank’s activities to commemorate **Global Money Week 2026**.

Global Money Week (GMW) is an annual international awareness campaign that promotes financial education among young people, encouraging them to develop the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and behaviours necessary for sound financial decision-making. Coordinated by the OECD and implemented by national authorities worldwide, the **14th edition of Global Money Week runs from March 16–22, 2026**, under the theme “**Smart Money Talks**.”

Delivering the welcome address, **Mrs. Nicole Crooks**, Senior Manager, Human Resources, Industrial and External Relations at the Bank, stated, “Today, Trinidad and Tobago proudly stands with the Global Money Week community for the eighth consecutive year, celebrating the mission of equipping all of you, young people, with the financial knowledge and skills you need for financial success. But more than a celebration, this is a call to action – a recognition that financial literacy for youth is not optional. It is essential.”

Addressing students aged 13-15, **Governor Larry Howai**, underscored the importance of early financial education, “Financial literacy is one of the most critical life skills you will ever develop. It is not just for when you are older; it is a skill you need to build now that will serve you throughout your life.” He added, “Today, we are launching something really exciting, a pilot Financial Literacy Club serving secondary schools across Trinidad and Tobago, and this is one way we are investing directly in your generation.”

Governor Howai further highlighted the national impact of financial empowerment, “When you become financially literate, your entire community benefits. People who understand money are more likely to save, invest, start businesses, and contribute to the growth of our nation’s economy. Your financial empowerment is not just good for you; it is good for all of Trinidad and Tobago.

Mrs. Christine Nanton-Winter, Manager, External Relations outlined the activities planned for Club FINLIT members over the 12month pilot, including monthly club meetings, financial literacy competitions, entrepreneurship sessions and access to resources. She emphasised the programme focus on youth leadership, “In each of our seven (7) pilot schools, two (2) students were identified to lead. They said yes to something new, something bold, something that will put them at the centre of a movement that I genuinely believe will grow far beyond this pilot.”

Schools Participating in the 2026 Club FINLIT Pilot

- Cunupia Secondary School
- Holy Faith Convent Penal
- El Dorado West Secondary School
- St. Francois Girls’ College
- El Dorado East Secondary School
- Bishop Anstey High School POS
- St. Francis Boys College

Institutional Representatives of the **National Financial Education Committee** continue to partner with the NFLP in promoting financial literacy nationwide. Present at the launch were representatives from: The Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission, the Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange, the Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Association of Trinidad and Tobago Insurance Companies (ATTIC) and the Trinidad & Tobago Insurance Institute (TTII) supported by Maritime Insurance.

Messages on the importance of being financially literate were also brought to life through dynamic performances by Derron Sandy and Drama Making a Difference DMAD Company, who engaged the students through creative storytelling and spoken word.

The diverse and far-reaching initiatives of the Central Bank's National Financial Literacy Programme reflects the Bank's continued commitment to empowering citizens through financial education.

Community groups, associations, agencies and organisations interested in arranging in-person or virtual financial education group sessions or to invite the Bank to partner on any upcoming initiatives may submit requests via <https://www.central-bank.org.tt/nflp/request-a-session/> or contact the Bank at **621-2288** extensions **2816, 2817 or 2818**.

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Photo 1 – Nicole Crooks, Senior Manager, Human Resource Industrial and External Relations welcomes attendees.

Photo 2 – Governor Larry Howai, address the students at the launch of the NFLP's Club FINLIT

Photo 4 – Ms. Michelle Rolingston-Pierre, General Manager, Deposit Insurance Corporation, Member of the National Financial Education Committee, pins the official Club FINLIT membership pin on a student of St. Francis Boy's College

Photo 5 – Students listen to the presentations at the launch of the NFLP's Club FINLIT