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Central Bank's FINLIT LIVE 2026 takes off at Centre of Excellence

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. May 7, 2026 – The Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago's National Financial Literacy Programme (NFLP) launched its inaugural FINLIT LIVE 2026 expo to an electrifying crowd on May 6 and 7 at the Centre of Excellence, Macoya. FINLIT LIVE 2026 – under the NFLP's slogan "It's Your Money, Know It to Grow It" – reached over 2,300 persons and saw representation from over 50 primary and secondary schools, with afternoon sessions geared towards tertiary institutions and members of the public. The event is part of the Central Bank's continued thrust to deepen the NFLP's reach and impact.

Speaking at the event's opening on May 6, Governor Larry Howai underscored the importance of equipping young people with financial knowledge early, noting that a financially literate population is the bedrock of a financially stable nation. Senior Manager – Human Resources, Industrial and External Relations, Nicole Crooks, also delivered remarks, sharing the NFLP's philosophy and the Central Bank's work in this area. Deputy Governor, Dr. Dorian Noel echoed similar sentiments, applauding those in attendance for investing in their financial literacy in his address on May 7.

The exposition, hosted by media personalities Ro'dey and Ainka Williams, drew participants from across the country into an immersive world of financial education across several zones – including the Money Smart Zone, featuring exhibitor booths from financial institutions and regulators, and the Money Drome, where gamified activities and hands-on simulations brought real-world financial concepts to life. NGO Drama Making A Difference (DMAD) Company, former National Poetry Slam winner Derron Sandy and Business Coach, Adanna Austin took centre stage for the vibrant, multi-sensory programme that blended interactive financial literacy presentations, theatrical performances, and spoken word poetry to connect young people with the principles of smart money management in a fresh and compelling way.

Among the partner regulators and institutions represented at the event were the Deposit Insurance Corporation (DIC), the Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission (TTSEC), the Unit Trust Corporation, the Association of Trinidad and Tobago Insurance Companies (ATTIC), TATIL, Sagicor, Republic Bank and Pennacool.

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

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Photos:

1. [Governor Larry Howai delivers the Opening Remarks at FINLIT Live 2026 on May 6, 2026](#)
2. [Deputy Governor, Dr. Dorian Noel speaks at Day 2 of FINLIT LIVE on May 7, 2026](#)
3. [Senior Manager Nicole Crooks welcomes secondary school students from over 30 secondary schools on May 7, 2026.](#)
4. [DMAD Company took participants through a theatrical presentation focused on making smart money decisions.](#)
5. [Former National Poetry Slam champion, Derron Sandy, used his medium to engage attendees with personalised poetry on their spending habits.](#)
6. ["Every dollar has a job": Business Coach, Adanna Austin, who partners with the NFLP in facilitating financial literacy sessions across the country focused her presentation on currency education and wise financial decisions.](#)
7. [A light moment with members of the Central Bank team and primary school students on May 7, 2026.](#)
8. [Students and other attendees engaged in the activities.](#)