

# MADE OF MONEY

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Your Energy Your Money

## FACILITATOR CHEAT SHEET

### Ice Breaker

Have everyone stand in the middle of the room. On one side of the room, put up the sign “YES!” and on the other side put up the sign “NO!” (Alternatively you can have people stand up if they are YES!, or give them YES! signs to hold up.)

Then read out statements from the list below, and ask people to move to the “YES!” or “NO!” side of the room depending on their answer (or stand up if they are a YES!, or hold up a YES! sign)

- Encourage people to be honest—that there are no judgements in this.
- Let people chat in between each item if they want to share something about their answer, or ask questions.

Here are some suggestions, but feel free to make up your own questions based on the group

- I know who my energy provider / company is
- I know what tariff I’m on with my energy provider
- I have taken a meter reading in the last year
- I am on a Dual Fuel tariff (gas and electricity with the same company)
- I have a key meter
- I have looked into grants for help
- I would like to cut down on energy usage at home
- I know about the Warm Home Discount\*
- I have a Smart Meter
- I have switched provider / company in the past
- I think I’m paying too much for my gas or electricity

This can help the group to start thinking about energy bills and usage, but is also a great way to get to know the group.

\*The Warm Home Discount is a grant of £140 (as at May 2015) off your electricity bill (as not all people have a gas supply), available to some people on a low income. Not all suppliers offer this (though currently the Big 6 suppliers do, as do some smaller ones). The criteria for qualifying varies depending upon the utility company. Contact your supplier directly to find out if they offer it and if you qualify, or apply online via their website. You can also call the Home Heat Helpline to see if you qualify—0800 33 66 99. If you receive a guaranteed pension credit, you should automatically receive this. If you do not, phone 0800 917 1003. Please note if you qualify, you will be given this regardless of how you pay your bills.