



Financial News Protocol

The purpose of this protocol is to engage learners in a discussion about poor financial decision-making in current events with the goal of finding the lesson(s) and learning from them so that they can apply better decision-making for their own financial future. This is a good protocol to use when you want to engage learners in solution-based thinking around wealth mindset, budgeting, credit and even investing.

Materials:

Short current events clip in the form of a video newsclip, a newspaper clipping or podcast clip
chart paper & markers (optional)
Shared Google Doc (optional)

Group Size: 3-4 people

Step 1: Review the Financial News Story (5 min)

Give learners time to read or listen to the newsclip *individually* and respond to the question: *What evidence of poor financial decision making do you see in this newsclip?*

Steps 2: Small Group Brainstorm (5 min)

Learners work together in their small groups to brainstorm 1-2 potential solutions to the problem in the financial news story.

Step 3: Whole Group Share Out (10 min)

Learners can record their solutions on chart paper or a shared Google document where other groups can see them. Identify solutions that came up more than once across other groups and discuss the implications of the proposed solutions.

Step 4: Reflection (5 min)

Allow learners time to share their response to the question: *What was the most valuable lesson you learned from this financial news story and how might you apply the lesson to your own life?* with the whole group or record it where they can reference later.