

## Child Trust Fund Events script

**Opening Script:** ‘A warm welcome to everyone taking part in this virtual event. For almost all people aged 16-early 19s and born in the UK from September 2002, this is just good news! We have a couple of short videos to tell you about some money waiting for you, then you’ll join a break-out room for 10 minutes so that you can ask any questions you like to our CTF ambassadors - let me introduce them for you .....

Then we’ll finish with a short video to explain how to make the most of your money.

That’s it! In all, not much over half an hour - and if you find it helpful, please be sure to tell all friends in your age range about it.

Let’s go ..’

[Video 1](#)

**[After Video 1:]** ‘So, to summarise - if you were born in the UK on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2002 but before January 2011, you are very likely to have a Child Trust Fund. This is a long-term savings scheme where the government put in some money for you that you can access when you are 18. However, from the age of 16 you can take control of your account. A huge number of young people do not even know they have one, and we’re keen to ensure you know how you can locate yours, if you or your parents/guardians don’t know where it is.

It’s important to note that The Share Foundation is a registered charity which works for the Department for Education across the UK. It’s a completely free service, and we don’t pass your contact details to anyone other than your account provider.

Before we start the next video, here’s a question for you:

- Had you heard of the Child Trust Fund account before this virtual event?

The next video explains how you can start to find your account ..’

[Video 2](#)

**[After Video 2:]** ‘OK - so hopefully that gave you a good understanding of how you can go about finding your account, if you or your parents/guardians do not already know where it is. Simply type ‘findctf.sharefound.org’ into your internet browser and complete the form. You can find that URL in the chat. [URL to be shown in Chat].

Here’s another question for you:

- Has your parent(s)/guardian spoken to you about your Child Trust Fund?

Now we’re going to break out into smaller groups, and this will give you a chance to ask some questions or to simply learn more about your Child Trust Fund.’

[BREAK-OUT PERIOD]

‘We hope the smaller groups gave you a chance to gain more information. We’re now going to show a short final video to help you improve your money knowledge and make the best use of the money you get from your Child Trust fund, when you’re 18 ..

[Video 3](#)

We hope that this third video has helped you to consider ways in which you can make good use of your money. There's a free online course you could consider which talks about savings, investments and sharing ideas about money. It's called 'Managing My Money' and can be found via [sharefound.org/learnmoney](https://sharefound.org/learnmoney) - you can register for free, so it's worth a visit.

Thanks for taking part - we really hope you've found this evening's event useful - **please be sure to tell all your friends in your age range about it!** And if you have any queries, just call The Share Foundation on 01296-310400

Finally, a couple more polling questions to send you on your way: [READ out loud]

- Are you going to fill in the search form now?
- How many friends could you spread the word to about their Child Trust Funds?

So that's it for this evening, but if you want to stay on to discuss anything further, please do so.

[Send follow-up email after the event, with links & request to tell others about it.]