



# Practice Hour

## Invest In Me

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Department of **Communities**



**‘We acknowledge the Noongar people as the original custodians of this land.’**

## ***Rules of engagement:***

- **Safe, secure, confidential space**
- **De-identify your examples** (*including case managers & District offices*)
- **Not supervision** (*but can be arranged!*)

## ***Teams Etiquette:***

- **Cameras on**
- **Mic on mute**
- **Raise your hand** (*virtually or give us a wave!*)
- **One person per camera is best**

**Is everyone ok with it being recorded?**



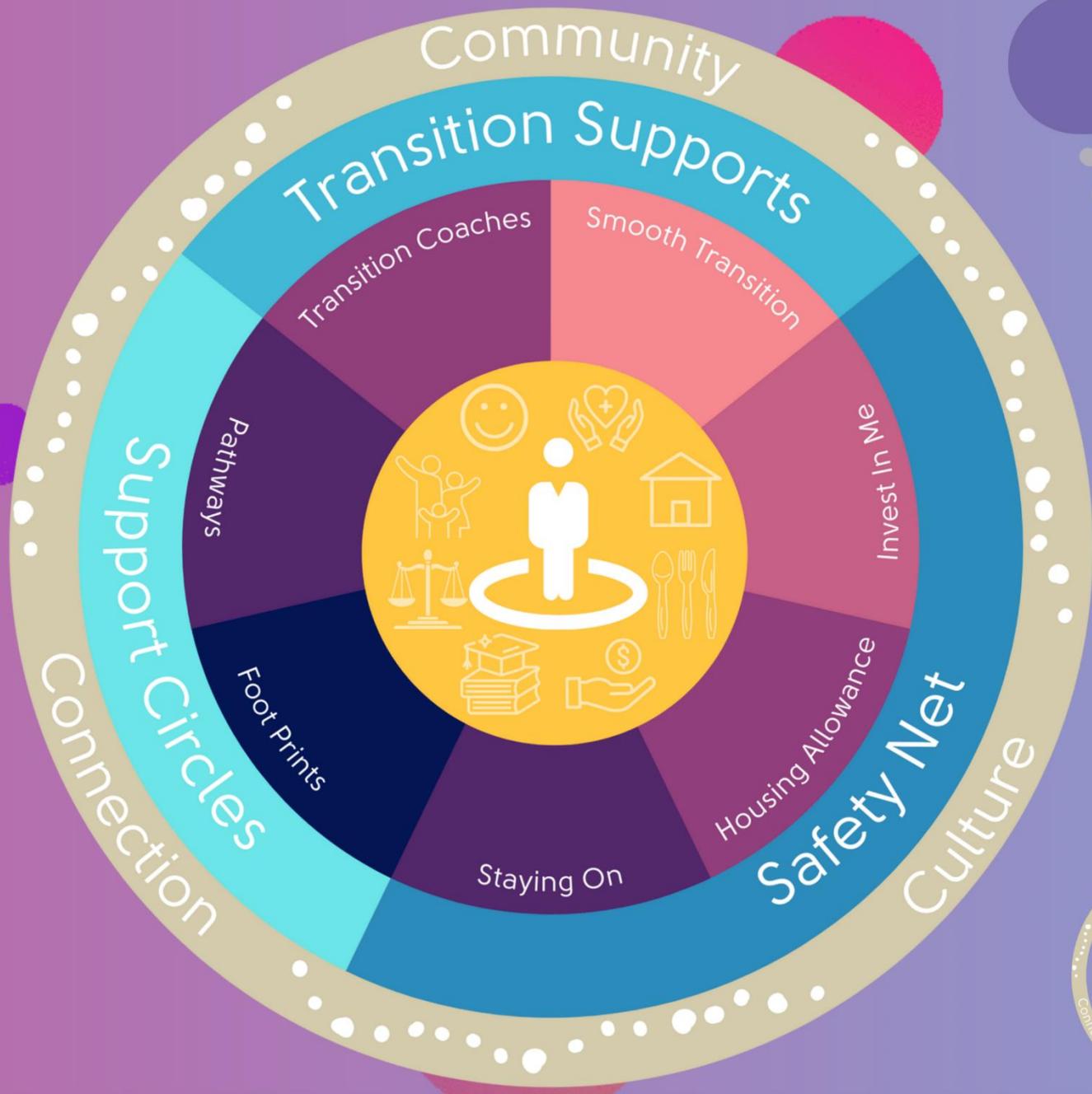
# Who is Here?



**In 1 minute or less:**

- What's Your Name?
- What's Your Role?

# Home Stretch WA Model



Young people are at centre of support.  
Everyone is treated as an individual



Support or connection is offered in  
all areas of life



Support is delivered in specific  
ways [Practice Approaches] that  
work for young people



Home Stretch WA focuses on 3  
key elements of support



Home Stretch WA greater purpose is to  
connect young people with their  
community and culture.

# Invest in Me

## What is Invest in Me funding?

*"A visible and secure **financial safety net** that ensures access to resources to support them towards their **aspirations** and **goals**, as well as **relief in times of crisis**.*

*This funding provides support with timely **access to goods and services**, whilst encouraging them to become **self-reliant**."*

# Home Stretch Trial Spending Snapshot

## Homestretch Invest in Me Report

Total Spent	Total Aspirational Spent	Total Emergency Spent	Unique Clients Su
\$4.01K	\$2.80K	\$1.21K	1



Expenditure by Domain



### Tyson

- Tyson has been moderately engaged with his Coach with periods of stepping back throughout.
- During times of engagement Tyson has had high needs across various domains including housing, health and legal matters.
- Tyson has been a participant in the trial for 3 years and 4 months.

# Home Stretch Trial Spending Snapshot

Homestretch Invest in Me Report			
Total Spent	Total Aspirational Spent	Total Emergency Spent	Unique Clients Su
\$5.12K	\$3.90K	\$1.23K	1



Expenditure by Domain



## Arthur

- Arthur was Initially supported in a Staying On Agreement before he experienced homelessness.
- IIM funding supported Arthur with his varied needs as he transitioned from homelessness into crisis, transitional and independent accommodation
- Arthur was a participant in the trial for 1 year and 10 months.

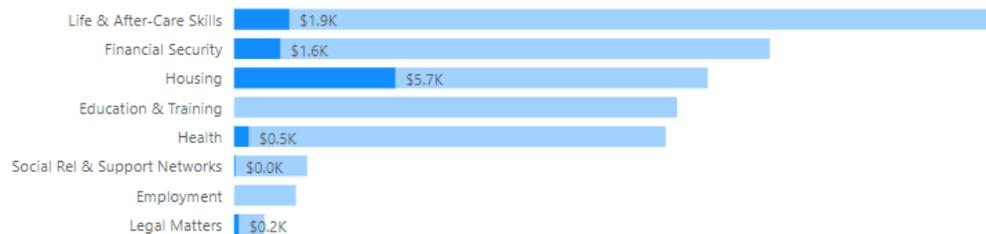
# Home Stretch Trial Spending Snapshot

## Homestretch Invest in Me Report

Total Spent	Total Aspirational Spent	Total Emergency Spent	Unique Clients Su
\$9.93K	\$3.06K	\$6.87K	1



### Expenditure by Domain



## Destiny

- Destiny is a young parent with high needs across most life domains.
- Destiny was experiencing homelessness and had a limited support network at the time of onboarding.
- Destiny has remained highly engaged and in contact with Coaches upwards of twice a week.
- She has been a participant in the trial for 2 years 1 month.

# Invest in Me

How is it different from  
Leaving Care Funding?





# Invest in Me Spending Snapshot

	networks		
Aspirational	Housing	Household items to set up new property	\$ 300.00
Emergency response	Social relationships and support networks	Flights to attend Family Funeral in Perth	\$ 338.00
Aspirational	Housing	Household items to set up new property	\$ 480.00
Aspirational	Housing	Rent in Arrears	\$ 170.00
Aspirational	Life and after-care skills	Driving Lessons x 10	\$ 647.50
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Aspirational	Housing	Mattress & Flooring	\$ 184.00
Aspirational	Health	Dentist Appointment	\$ 190.00
Aspirational	Employment	Traffic Control and Basic Worksite Management Course	\$ 550.00
Aspirational	Life and after-care skills	Passport & Learners Permit	\$ 417.00
Aspirational	Life and after-care skills	Driving Lessons	\$ 650.00
Aspirational	Housing	Household items to set up new property	\$ 200.00
Aspirational	Life and after-care skills	Transport	\$ 65.00
Aspirational	Housing	Household items for new property	\$ 215.00

# Invest in Me

## Applying for Invest in Me





# Invest in Me

## Chipping-in

- Empowering
- Learning
- Capacity building
- Problem solving
- Planning
- Delayed gratification

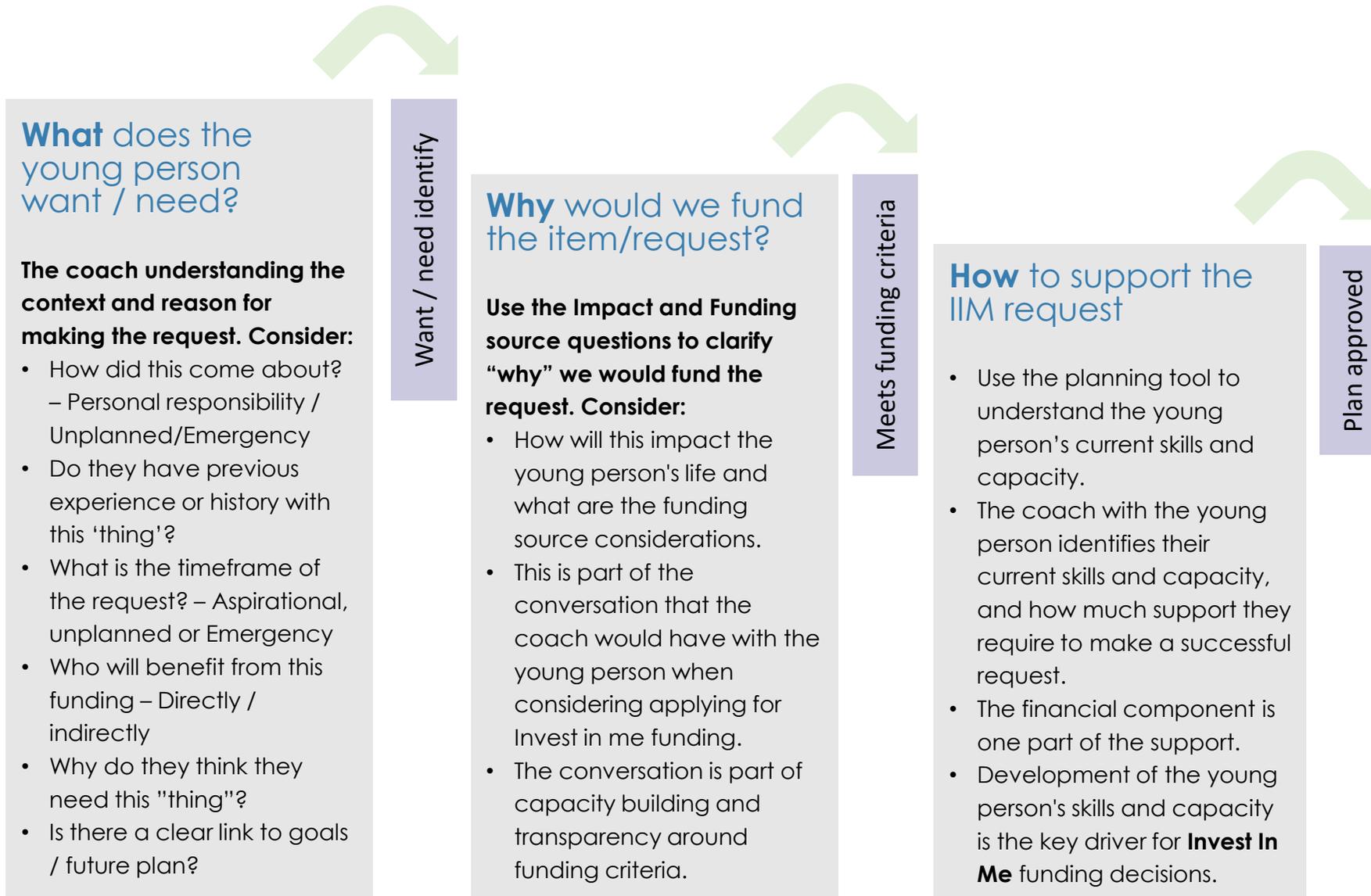
# The Decision Matrix



# IIM Principles

- **The Right to Support** - not 'deserving and 'non deserving.'
- **Builds Capacity** - develops knowledge, skills & confidence to access mainstream resources beyond those available through the Department of Child Protection.
- **Responsive** - timely & responsive to short term hiccups that can have long term consequences.
- **Does not duplicate existing resources** - funds that can be met elsewhere should be met elsewhere (mainstream resources, public services, rapid response).

# Invest In Me Practice Guidelines



Are one or more of these true?

Impact	Funding Source
Has a +ve impact on one of their life domains.	There is no alternative funding source.
Leads to a successful outcome of one of their goals.	It is an emergency. [there is <b>immediate</b> risk to the young person's safety or health.]
Reduces risk.	The young person does not have capacity to pay some or all cost.
Decreases disadvantage.	There is no other alternative option. eg. Car vs public transport
Increases health and wellbeing.	There is no other alternative service or support. [ Legal Aid, Medicare, Workforce Australia etc.]
Increases the YP capacity. (skills and Knowledge)	An unplanned event in the person's life requires a timely response.
Encourages and increases interdependence	Is it a large cost that has been committed to previously in Leaving Care Plan

**Design Principles**

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\*This is the criteria for funding an item/request through Invest In Me

## Process How can this help develop interdependence?

Plan is likely to be approved if young person demonstrates high skills and capacity [pink] in the plan. When the young person requires some support [grey] this should be included in the plan. Plan needs to include support and skills development for criteria identified in the purple section. First request could be a learning opportunity and plan may be exempt in case of emergencies.

**Indicates young person's skills and capacity.**

**High** – Requires little to no support from the coach.

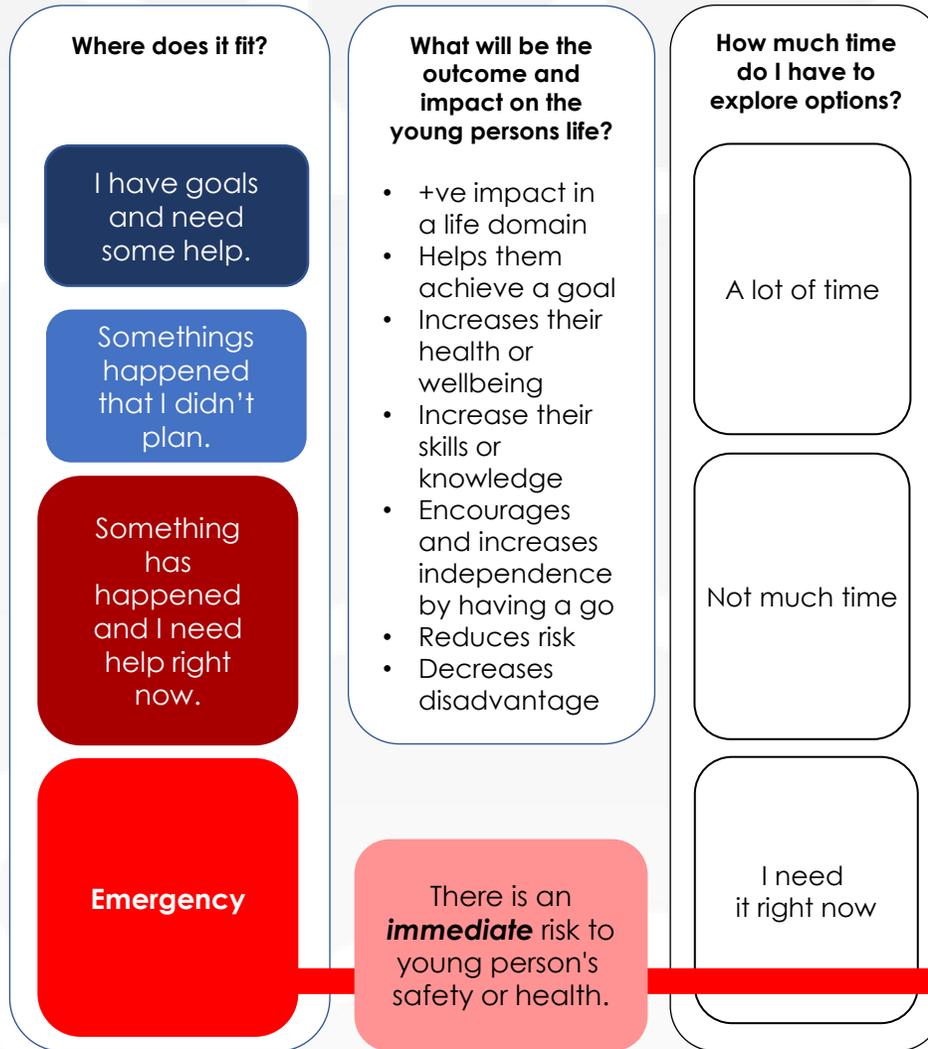
**Medium** – Requires some support & planning with coach.

**Low** – Will require support and planning with the coach.

Decision making	Self advocate	Chipping in	Future Planning	Problem solving	Self-reflection	Comms Skills
The young person is fully independent in their decision making.	The young person can advocate for their needs.	The young person can and will chip in financially .	The young person has the capacity to maintain the thing or activity.	The young person has demonstrated problem solving to find a solution.	The young person understands their role, responsibility, rights in the situation and demonstrates self-reflection and learning.	The young person has appropriate communication skills (verbal, written, numeracy).
The young person requires some assistance in their decision making.	The young person requires some support to advocate for their needs.	The young person can and is willing to contribute in ways other than financial.	The young person will need support to plan how to maintain the thing or activity.	The young person needs some support to research, compare and decide upon a solution.	The young person requires some support to understand their role, responsibility and rights in the situation. The young person is guided through being self-reflective.	The young person has limited capacity and requires support in one or more communication area/skills.
The young person's decision-making capacity in this 'area' is limited.	The young person requires assistance to advocate for their needs.	The young person cannot or does not want to chip in.	The young person has limited ability at this time to maintain the thing or activity.	The young person needs support to research, compare and decide upon a solution.	The young person demonstrates low understanding of their role, responsibility, rights in the situation, is externalising responsibility and is not self-reflective.	The young person requires support in all communication areas/skills.

# Invest in Me

Helping you to achieve your goals, take a chance, explore new things, build confidence and skills, provide help when it is needed.



Coach helps to understand the cost and timeframe and applies directly to the coordinator;

Coach schedules in a reflection time with the young person to do future planning.

# Questions & Comments



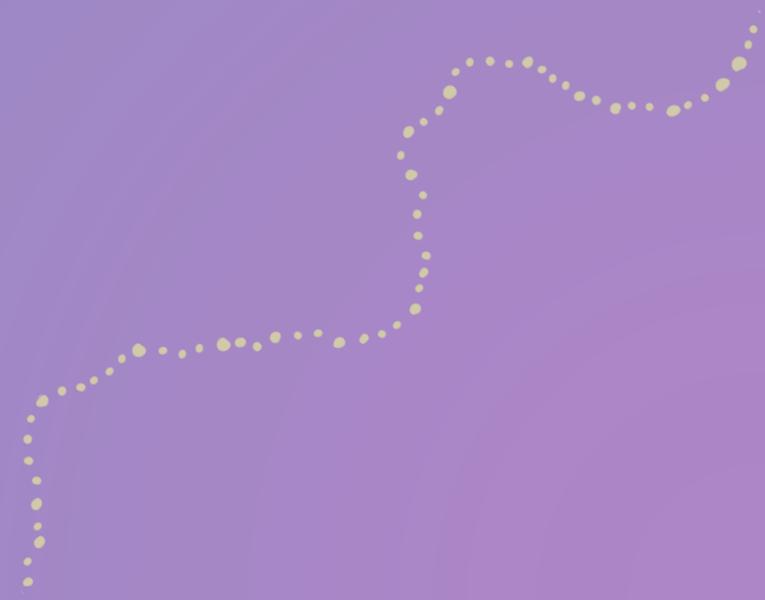
# Case Studies





# Future Practice Hour Topics

- 2nd March: Invest In Me
- 16th March: Housing Allowance
- Ideas for future topics?





## Access to Resources



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