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Lloyds Banking Group funds first of its kind sustainable home finance scholarship for mortgage brokers

- **First-of-its kind 6-month scholarship scheme for industry professionals**
 - **300 free intermediary enrolments**
 - **100 enrolments for the lender's teams**

Lloyds Banking Group has partnered with the Green Finance Institute to fund a first-of-its kind scholarship scheme for mortgage industry professionals to complete the Green Finance Institute's (GFI) newly-developed Certificate in Financing Greener Homes.

The initiative follows recent government announcements on the forthcoming Warm Homes Plan, which will include a package of measures to help households finance improvements that cut bills and boost warmth and comfort in the home.

The Lloyds Banking Group-GFI funding partnership will build industry capability to support homeowners with energy-efficient home upgrades, providing professional training for 300 mortgage intermediaries and 100 Lloyds Banking Group colleagues across Halifax and Birmingham Midlands, including Business Development Managers and specific support teams.

Leadership in sustainable home lending

The move by Lloyds Banking Group removes the upfront cost for its intermediary partners and upskills internal teams in an area of growing interest to mortgage borrowers. By making a nationally-recognised certification programme available to its colleagues and brokers, the Group is reinforcing its commitment to, and leadership within, the field of green home finance.

For the "Certificate in Financing Greener Homes", the GFI will transfer and augment its LIBF-accredited [Certificate in Green Mortgages](#) training masterclass into an on-demand, self-paced, digital learning programme aimed at larger groups of mortgage intermediaries and lenders' in-house teams.

How the GFI Certificate benefits advisers

The GFI Certificate is designed to provide the technical knowledge and market insights needed to help mortgage advisers:

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- Expand their expertise in an area that is shaping the future of mortgage advice
- Engage clients in higher-value conversations about home energy efficiency and financing options
- Future-proof their business by staying ahead of regulatory and market developments
- Join a network of forward-thinking professionals leading the green mortgage market

As sustainable home finance continues to move into the mainstream, advisers with specialist knowledge in this area will set the standard for excellence in the industry.

Andrew Dean, head of Housing and Sustainability, at Lloyds Banking Group, said:

“The majority of all mortgages go through a mortgage intermediary. They play a crucial role in the provision of green mortgages, and the finance of energy efficient home improvements. Training that builds on a recognised qualification can only be a good thing.

“By supporting the intermediary sector’s understanding of this area of growing interest for borrowers, we can help drive increased customer awareness, positive outcomes and increased uptake of green home finance products and services.”

Chloe Timperley, Green Mortgage Campaign Lead, at the Green Finance Institute, said:

“A wave of policy changes is on the horizon to help homeowners make energy-efficient home improvements, and the finance sector will have a key role to play. The market has already grown rapidly, from only a handful of green mortgage offerings six years ago to more than 90 today, alongside a tripling of unsecured green loans in three years.

“The critical next step is increasing take-up. That depends on advisers being equipped to have meaningful, everyday conversations with homeowners that help them navigate their options. This training partnership helps position the market to respond confidently to the evolving needs of households.”

John Somerville, Director of Financial Services, at LIBF, part of Walbrook Institute London, said:

“We’re proud to support this new scheme by the Green Finance Institute and Lloyds Banking Group. We’ve accredited the GFI’s Certificate in Green Mortgages since 2024, helping advisers upskill their knowledge to support clients in making energy-saving upgrades.”

“It’s fantastic that thanks to this scheme, hundreds more mortgage advisers will now be able to increase their awareness of this important area of lending.”

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For more information and to register their interest in applying for a funded scholarship, brokers can visit: [GFI Certificate in Financing Greener Homes](#)

Editors' Notes:

The Green Finance Institute

Established in 2019, the Green Finance Institute (GFI) is an independent advisor to governments and investors. It is at the forefront of shaping how finance can be used to facilitate a real economy transition, by designing, testing, and scaling financial solutions that enable capital to flow where it can deliver the greatest impact across sectors and geographies.

Bridging the gap between committed capital and impactful solutions, the GFI delivers positive outcomes for climate and nature by aligning policy, development capital, and pipeline development. As a commercially focused philanthropically funded organisation working with governments and partnering with financial institutions, corporates, NGOs, policymakers, academics and civil society experts, the GFI has mobilised £77bn in committed capital over six years.

The GFI is headquartered in London and has a presence in eight countries including Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, Indonesia, the Philippines, Scotland, Singapore, and Spain, and its missions work in built environment, CDR, energy, transportation and nature.

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Based in the heart of the City of London, LIBF is closely connected to the financial sector and trusted by employers across the industry. It offers practical, work-relevant qualifications for professionals in trade and transaction banking and regulated mortgage and financial advice, in addition to membership programmes for the financial services sector.

Whether people are starting out or stepping up, LIBF's industry-recognised qualifications and apprenticeship programmes help them to gain the skills and credibility to progress in their careers. 88% of LIBF learners say their qualification led to improved career skills.

Further information at: www.walbrook.ac.uk/libf

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