

IO3: Financial Literacy Training for Parents

Handout M7.5: A demanding teenager

Marie and John's 17-year-old son Eric is going through a very strange time in his life. He refuses to go to college and look for a job. It seems that his only goal is to go out with his friends. That's why every week he asks his parents for money to have fun with his group of friends.

Marie and John do not have enough money to meet Eric's demands and are really concerned about the behavior and lifestyle of their son and do not know what to do.

Think about what you might suggest to Marie and John about his demands for money.

GROUP DISCUSSION (*keep in mind that there is no single right answer*):

- Would it be a good idea to stop giving him money every week?
- Should they talk to him to convince him to find a part-time job?
- Should they force him to start college again?
- Should they try to settle with their son for a lower amount of pocket money?
- Any other ideas?