Cumbria Digital Inclusion Network

Minutes from the meeting 25th September 2024

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Brief overview of issues covered

Firstly, thank you to everyone who attended this Network meeting 😊

It was great to see representatives from across Cumbria, including Cumberland Council, the third sector, a housing association and Capgemini.

The meeting focused on 2 of the 3 pillars of Digital Inclusion: **Connectivity & Devices.**

Speakers:

Catherine Weldon, Programme Manager   -   **Connecting Cumbria update**

Leo Hernandez, Delivery Lead, Jangala   -   **Presenting the 'Getbox'**

Elizabeth Anderson, CEO Digital Poverty Alliance   -   **Tech 4 Schemes**

Links & further information:

Connecting Cumbria   -   presentation recording

catherine.weldon@connectingcumbria.org.uk

GetBox (Jangala)   -   presentation recording

leo@janga.la

GetBox sign up form: https://forms.clickup.com/4514369/f/49rj1-10312/B08REPZQGOUI9JV4T9

Tech4 Scheme (DPA)   -   presentation recording

elizabeth@digitalpovertyalliance.org

Links to finding out more/ applying for the schemes:

Tech 4 Families https://digitalpovertyalliance.org/projects/tech4families/
Tech 4 Youth (area specific) https://digitalpovertyalliance.org/tech4youth/

AOB:

'Digital Skills Support Map' - Sarah and Pat will explore getting this transferred online, e.g. with google maps so that it can be easily accessed and updated by multiple sources.

Yewdale Community Centre, Carlisle – the centre received a grant from Fibrus, through Cumbria Community Foundation, that included the purchase of some devices and will be supported by AbilityNet with digital skills and Healthwatch Cumberland for health support.

Digital Fair – Laura, CVS Bedrock Basics is looking to run a Digital Fair for third sector organisations in January (possibly January 22nd @ The Beacon, Whitehaven) it will feature stands run by organisations specialising in; Digital Funding, Digital Service providers, Digital Safety. More information to follow.

Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) Switch off – Chris from AbilityNet raised concern for misinformation in the public domain making things confusing for people. Chris, Catherine Weldon & Laura are keen to link up on this to make sure the correct and clear information gets out to communities & third sector organisations. We can update on this in the next meeting.

Next meeting – Early December – Sarah to send out next meeting appointment

Attendees:

Sarah Jewell, Digital Unite – Lets Get Digital West Cumbria

Pat Maskell, AbilityNet Cumbria

Laura Rutter, CVS – Bedrock Basics Project

Liz Nichol, Cumberland Council – CDO for South Cumberland (Frizzington to Millom)

Caroline Parry-Jones & Emma Bragg, The Oval Centre, Salterbeck – Riverside Housing

Rachel Atkinson, Cumberland Council – (formerly Allerdale) Libraries

Catherine Clark, Cumberland Council – (formerly Copeland) Libraries

Katie Rae, Cumberland Council – Social Prescribing Team (Digital Lead/Joy Ap)

Jozi Brown – ACTion with Communities in Cumbria

Dan Gibbons Cumberland Council – Research Officer HDRC

Craig Barker, Cumberland Council – Acting Senior Manager, Digital & Customer Experience

Jon Brooke, Capgemini – Funder of 'Let's Get Digital, West Cumbria' and other ESG Digital Inclusion projects

Apologies:

Julie Friend, Cumberland Council – Social Inclusion and Housing Team Lead

Joanna Coleman, Cumberland Council - Public Health Locality Manager, Carlisle

Sally Thoburn, Healthwatch Cumberland

Recorded version (broken into smaller watchable chapters):