

Project Background



Transforming West Cumbria programme 's Bedrock projects focuses on building the resilience, capabilities and financial sustainability of Third Sector organisations in West Cumbria by:

Empowering community leaders, both voluntary and paid, with the skills, resources, and time to invest in organisational strategy and business development.

Enabling organisations to explore new ways of working, including income generation, use of digital, collaboration, sharing resources and better management of community assets/premises.



Bedrock basics projects aims to support community organisations across West Cumbria to build their resilience, financial sustainability in a number of ways including digital skills and confidence. Part of the Bedrock Basics offer is support for charities, to help them around boosting their confidence to use digital, signpost to resources and advice and h stories via digital storytelling.



Charities need to help themselves to be able to help their

Digital – catch all term around anything to do with technology, devices, online services, connection and data. It sits under all aspects of life now – from shopping to banking to socialising and employment. It's constantly changing, for better or worse and can hinder a charities ability to deliver their services efficiently.

This takes, time, money, commitment and knowledge – things that are a limited and commodity and often needed to deliver the services with little free to go towards future development.

Struggle with:

- CAPACITY
- FUNDING
- CONFIDENCE
- KNOWLEDGE/ TRAINING
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Digital Fair

The Digital Fair aims to help connect charities to infrastructure and support services to take on their needs, such as digital funding, accessibility tools, device advice and internet connection



Key stakeholders for the event will be:

- West Cumberland based charities and non-profits
- Local digital service providers
- Local communities
- Cumberland Council
- National digital service providers

Key beneficiaries will be charities based in West Cumberland and their communities. Charities, who are often working with the local communities, will benefit from the services and funding the event generate.

Event breakdown (tbc)

Venue

- 6 hour event (10.30 to 4.30pm) in person event in West Cumberland.
- Venue with multiple rooms, parking, wifi, good accessibility and transport links.
- Free to attend event.

Event attendees

- Space for digital service providers to display their services and man stalls (use of tech or banners. Some may use tech) to talk to charities about their products and services.
- Promote to Third-sector workers, volunteers and supporters to get them to attend. Encourage service providers to learn more about their offers and solutions.

Facilitation

- Speakers to talk about specialist topics and local digital initiatives happening in the area.
- Networking activities – sharing contact details and indicating interest in other services.
- Hands on tech – look at and try devices before they purchase.
- Feedback about what support is needed.

Invite specialists to talk on (potential topics):

Artificial intelligence – what it is, how to use it ethically and successfully

Productivity tools

Social media today – how can charities engage with it

Digital report findings

Local Support

Attendee breakdown



(Attendees) Third-sector

Charities
Non-profits
Social enterprises
Volunteers



Digital Services

Digital Software – Office, CRMs
Digital Hardware - Devices
Graphic designers
Social media
App builders
Augmented Reality



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Assumptions – who we think should be in the room – work in progress

Cumberland Council	Libraries	Adult learning
	Careers	Development
Infrastructure	Broadband	Data
	Devices	
	Police	finance
Small business	Graphic & web designers	Apps
	IT support	
New technology	Virtual Reality (VR)	Devices
	Video equip	
Accessibility	Deaf	Hearing
	SEN	
Funders	CCF – Bedrock Digital	
Health	Joy App	Attend anywhere
Volunteering	Together for Good	CVS Volunteering portal

Next steps

**December
January**

Talk and listen to charities for their input on needs.

February

Based on feedback, decide on event format and communicate with charities

After

Run the event and feedback loop