# **Digital Communities Wales**

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# What does Digital Inclusion mean to you?



**Access** 



Digital skills and confidence



**Motivation** 







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**Digital Communities Wales- The Current Digital Inclusion Picture** 

• 7% of the population of Wales not online.

• 22% of Internet users lack essential digital skills, this increases to 59% for people over 75.

• Older people, people with disabilities and limiting long term illness are less likely to be online.

Digital Communities Wales is a national programme with a cascade approach to consistent delivery of support across Wales











## Revised DCW delivery plan from April 1st 2024

## April 1st 2024 – 30th June 2025: Programme Aim

Embed and mainstream digital inclusion within identified thematic areas ensuring ownership of digital inclusion by existing stakeholders and organisations.

### **Crosscutting activities**

- Encouraging organisations and people to engage, promote and raise awareness for 'Help Someone you know to get online' map.
- Continued promotion of the National Digital Inclusion Network including data and device bank (GTF).
- Device loans for projects with greatest impact relating to the thematic groups









## **Our Thematic Areas**

#### Health

**Citizens:** Digitally included and empowered citizens **Workforce:** A workforce who are confident in using digital technology to enable efficient, safe and quality care

#### **Older people**

An older population who are confident in accessing information and public services online

#### **Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities**

Provide communities with the capabilities, opportunities and motivations to engage fully from online services and digital technology

#### **Social Housing**

Digitally confident workforce who are able to support tenants

#### **Ethnic minority communities**

Provide diverse communities with the capabilities, opportunities and motivations to engage fully from online services and digital technology

#### **Social Care**

A workforce who are confident in using digital technology to enable efficient, safe and quality care





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#### **GOOD PRACTICE GUIDE TO DIGITAL FOR CARE HOMES**

**DIGITAL COMMUNITIES WALES: DIGITAL CONFIDENCE, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING** 

August 2021









- Digital Champions and inspiring others
- Online Safety
- Accessibility
- Reminiscence and digital tools for people living with dementia
- Smart devices for independent living











## Non-thematic areas of focus

### **Digital Inclusion Alliance Wales (DIAW)**

• By September 2024, identify a collectively owned plan for an appropriate structure and funding model to allow DIAW to be self-sustaining and independent, with clear ownership of the Alliance by the Steering Group.

### **Communities for Work + (CfW+)**

• Continue to work with CfW+ on CfW+ and ReACT loan schemes until March 2025.











# What next? Training and ongoing support from us

Digital champions training session that explores the practicalities of helping others.

We have a training offer of sessions that are just for Social Care.

On-hand advice and support whenever it's needed.











# Mainstreaming and considering your next steps

- Sign up to the Digital Inclusion charter
- Become accredited:
   <u>https://www.digitalcommunities.gov.wales/digital-inclusion-charter-accreditation/</u>
- Consider becoming a member of the National Digital Inclusion Network.
- Encourage and provide opportunity for staff to become Digital champions
- Consider sustainable routes for Digital Inclusion and the future.









## Free digital skills sessions

At Digital Communities Wales we've been working hard to develop online digital inclusion training courses, including webinars and digital drop-in sessions that might be vital to you and your service users going forward.

Contact us for support



Please find below details of the online sessions delivered in Welsh and English that we've got coming up, along with the links to register your place.

We've tried to make the sign up process as simple as possible but if you are having any problems registering, please contact **DCWtraining@cwmpas.coop** 

#### September

#### NHS Wales App: Helping People to Get Online – 18 September 2024 | 14:00-15:30

This session will be delivered in English. If you would like to access the session with a Welsh interpreter, please select yes on the registration form and we will make every effort to provide one.

A training session for members of staff and volunteers to support people to engage with the NHS Wales app.

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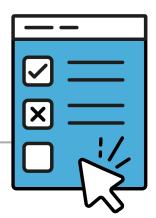












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