Digital WM News is a monthly compilation/curation of #techforgood news, events/training, offers/tips, people, reading and vacancies of interest to people in the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sectors from around the West Midlands – circulated via email; *subprescription details on P.4*

News

TWELFTH ISSUE OF DIGITAL WM NEWS

Welcome to the twelfth issue of volume 1 of our monthly newsletter. It's been a great year aimed at helping people in the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sectors around the West Midlands to get more out of technology and the web.

Comments On Volume 1 of DWM News

Our favourite comments on volume 1 include "Really good", "looks good", "looks interesting, lots of useful stuff in there!", "Love it!", "Thanks for sharing - looking good!", "The 'Creating Great Digital Content' presentation was particularly helpful and I'll be passing on to others.", "Nice work ... keep it up ... please!", "I like the newsletter and always forward it around the office to colleagues, especially those in finance and personnel. Please keep on sending it out!!", "Great to harvest the brilliant ideas of @paulineroche … today on improving information sharing in the WM. Thanks…!"

Input from subscribers – keep it coming

We've loved having your news, events/training, offers/tips, people, reading and vacancies for consideration in 2017 – special mention goes to Stuart Ashmore of SCVO and Michaela Hodges of Fancy Guppy for their contributions this year – we'd love to hear from them and more readers in 2018.
Deadline 21st of each month
- **Pauline Roche, RnR Organisation**

GRANT GIVING DATA

"Birmingham City Council has committed to publishing its grant giving data on 360 Giving, which is a national open data platform designed to allow organisations to publicly share their grant giving data. There are a couple of reasons and benefits to this, the first being to help people find out what grants have been made in Birmingham, to whom and for what purposes.

In publishing its data on 360 Giving, BCC has joined nearly 50 other funders including organisations like the Big Lottery Fund, Comic Relief and BBC Children in Need to help inform a better picture of grant funding in Birmingham and nationally.

The second reason and benefit is to help make grantmaking more informed, effective and strategic and through sharing its data Birmingham City Council can help other funders

and those interested in grant funding in general make better decisions".

Read more about the data published here

FUTURE FORWARD: FUTURE PROOFING LOCAL SOCIAL ACTION NAVCA CONFERENCE 5TH DECEMBER 2017

On Dec 5th, NAVCA, the infrastructure organisations umbrella body, had its annual conference with its new CEO Jane Ide in charge. It was a day of provocative, inspiring, challenge and debate with speakers on topics including Digital, Brexit, Magic Money trees, Data and Leadership.

Full Storify of the day by Jane Ide here and videos of all 12 speakers, filmed by social videographer John Popham, on YouTube here

Events/Training

TEAM MEMBERSHIP AT IMPACT HUB BIRMINGHAM

Thinking about where to base your team in 2018? Find out about Team Membership options at Impact Hub Birmingham in Digbeth.

As a special gift, sign up for a year's team membership during the month of January to **receive a complimentary month*** to welcome you into the fold.

*T&Cs apply.

EVENTS
Jan 10th
Inside Outcomes
Practical Tips for General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)
Universities Centre, Innovation Birmingham Faraday Wharf, Holt St, Birmingham B7 4BB

Jan 15th
Net Squared Midlands: tech for social good
Learn how the Sustainability angle can help you win business

Impact Hub Birmingham, Walker Building, Oxford St, Digbeth, Birmingham

Jan 19th
BarCampNFP (Unconference for non-profits)
Deloitte, 2 New St Square, London

Jan 22nd
Digital Leaders WM

[How can Small Business and Charities realise the opportunities of becoming more Digitally capable?](#)
Birmingham Hippodrome Theatre, Hurst St., Birmingham

Jan 24th
[Nishkam Centre](#)
[Sustainability through Corporate Social Responsibility](#)
Nishkam Centre, 6 Soho Road, Handsworth Birmingham B21 9BH

WEEKLY/MONTHLY MEETUPS
[Birmingham Open Code](#) - weekly (Tues) open study session for folks who program (in any language) or those who want to get started learning to code

[Brum SMC](#) – last Fri monthly social media meetup
[fizzPOP](#) –2nd Wednesday of month Lock picking
[Net Squared Midlands](#) – monthly #techforgood meetup
[Tech Wednesday](#) – monthly meet up for like-minded individuals in tech industry in Birmingham area

TRAINNG
Feb 5th
[BVSC](#)
[New Data Protection Law (GDPR), plus managing social media issues in the workplace](#)

From Sept 2018
BCU School of Media
[PGCert in Data Journalism](#)

Offers/Tips

RNR ORGANISATION BROKERAGE:

- One of the roles for this newsletter is to bring together practitioners in our core activities of digital skills development and voluntary sector (asset-based) development.
- We support and deliver this activity through a variety of programmes and networks including Net Squared Midlands, WM Funders Network, West Midlands Open Data Forum and general advice and training to VCSE organisations.
- We therefore see the opportunity of using this 'Offers/Tips' section to broker connections between people with skills who want to support VCSE organisations and VCSE organisations who need this type of support.
- **Interested?** Please email us at **RnR.Organisation@gmail.com** about your interest and use the word 'Brokerage' in the subject line. Thanks.

People

[Clare Streets](#) from Birmingham's [School of Code](#) won Silicon Canal's 'Graduate Developer of the Year' award at their recent [awards evening](#).

More about Clare's journey [here](#)

Reading/Listening

[The best #techforgood of 2017](#) by Michaela Hodges, Fancy Guppy, Dec 1st 2017
[How to grow good ideas in the charity sector](#) by Genevieve Maitland-Hudson, Dec 4th 2017
[Strengthening small charities and the role of national networks](#) [podcast] by Mandy Johnson, CEO, Small Charities Coalition, Dec 11th 2017

Vacancies (listed by Closing date)

Jan 1st
[Technology and Business Analyst](#)
Ambition School Leadership

Jan 7th
[Community Infrastructure Officer](#)
Teach First

Jan 8th
[Communications Officer](#)
Emmaus UK

Jan 12th
[Director of Insight & Knowledge](#)
The Active Wellbeing Society, Birmingham

Jan 15th
[Data Coordinator / Resettlement Caseworker](#)
St Giles Trust

Jan 19th
[Digital Officer](#)
International non-governmental organisation (NGO) that uses sustainable technology to challenge poverty in developing countries

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