

DIGITAL WM NEWS™

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*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; **subscription details on P.4***



News

NINTH ISSUE OF DIGITAL WM NEWS

Welcome to the ninth issue of our monthly newsletter. It's 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. We love hearing what you, our readers, think about it.

This month comments from colleagues included "Great to harvest the brilliant ideas of [@paulineroche](#) ... today on improving information sharing in the WM. Thanks...!" and "THANKS to [@paulineroche](#) for listening and advising - related to research project management on behalf of Not-For-Profit organisations"

We also love getting your news, events/training, offers/tips, people, reading and vacancies for consideration. Please keep sending them.

Deadline 21st of each month

- **Pauline Roche, RnR Organisation**

#TECHMUMS COMING TO WALSTALL

A fab new collaborative [#digitalreach](#) project from [@techmumshq](#) + [@homestartuk](#) targeting young mums with digital skills

Mums Connected
@ConnectedMums

Following

Spent a great day in Walsall getting to know everyone at wonderful [@homestart_wals](#) and getting a tour of [@walsall_college](#) [#digitalreach](#)



3:39 PM - 27 Sep 2017

DIGITAL SKILLS AND SHARING KEY TO PUBLIC SERVICE TRANSFORMATION, SURVEY FINDS

Great to see this level of awareness and hope it makes a difference to our sector:

“• The public sector must understand the value of a broad and diverse supplier base, so that it can take advantage of the range of solutions that companies of different sizes and with different specialism offer, and provide the taxpayer with value for money.

• Initiatives such as the Government's pledge to spend £1 in £3 of its procurement budget with

SMEs is welcome, but the research suggests that it has had a limited impact upon the attitudes of procurement staff within the public sector. Government should also be looking at how its procurement frameworks can be streamlined to remove the burdens that often act as a barrier to new entrants in the public sector market.”

Full piece [here](#)

WHY WE NEED THE DATA ETHICS CANVAS

To mark the launch of the Open Data Institute’s [Data Ethics Canvas](#), Amanda Smith and Peter Wells share the thought behind it, why it is important and how they hope it will be used by organisations and sectors

Full post [here](#)



Events/Training

Oct 3rd

[Driving Birmingham’s knowledge economy and the role of self-interested altruism](#) – Speaker: Dr

David Hardman, MBE CEO, Innovation Birmingham

The Lunar Society

The Alchemist, Colmore Row,
Birmingham

Oct 16th

Net Squared Midlands

[Social media session](#)

Impact Hub Birmingham, Oxford St Digbeth,
Birmingham

Oct 26th

[VCSSCamp](#) (unconference for VCS infrastructure)

Innovation Birmingham, Holt Street,
Birmingham B7 4BB

MINISTER TALKING DIGITAL SKILLS AT SEPT BRUMSMC

[Matt Hancock MP](#), Minister of State for Digital, accompanied by WM Mayor [Andy Street](#), spoke about the importance of digital skills and engagement at this month’s [Birmingham Social Media Café](#) meetup on Sept 29th at the Google Digital Garage



11:52 AM - 29 Sep 2017

11:54 AM - 29 Sep 2017

Nov 9th

[Collaboration & its impact](#)

WM Funders Network Annual conference
Innovation Birmingham, Holt Street,
Birmingham B7 4BB

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](#) – Lock picking 2nd Wednesday of month

[Net Squared Midlands](#) – monthly #techforgood meetup

[Tech Wednesday](#) – monthly meet up for like-minded individuals in tech industry in Birmingham area



Offers/Tips

RNR ORGANISATION BROKERAGE: One of the roles we envisage for this newsletter is to bring together practitioners in our core activities of digital skills development and voluntary sector (asset-based) development.

We currently support and deliver this activity through a variety of programmes and networks including Net Squared Midlands, Charitable Trusts West Midlands, 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

[Baroness Lane-Fox](#) made a brilliant speech in the House of Lords this month on the motion "[That this House takes note of the case for improved digital understanding at all levels of United Kingdom society](#)"; one main point she made was "we need to recapture some of the internet's original promise and more of its positive transformative power"



Reading

[Service design with nonprofits](#)

By Sam Sparrow, 3 Sept 2017

"...[Fuse](#) is the UK's only technology accelerator for nonprofits, working with established organisations to build scalable, user-centred, digital services. We've learnt a huge amount from our diverse group of charities, ranging from

household names such as Breast Cancer Care and Action for Children and smaller organisations like Gingerbread and Advising London.

Here are our five key learnings from working with nonprofits intensively on service design...."

[The GDPR guide for small organisations](#)

By ClearComm

A handy short guide to the General Data Protection Regulation, an essential regulation that will affect all VCSE organisations who hold data

[Role of VCS organisations in academic research](#)

By Ted Ryan, RnR Organisation

“...Based on our current community support activity, our research focuses on reducing health inequalities and improving population health and wellbeing in Sparkbrook and surrounding areas by linking high quality research, innovation and engagement to operational practice in a community-led asset-based delivery process...”



VCSE Digital Vacancies (listed by Closing date)

Oct 3rd

[Communications Officer](#)

“leading not-for-profit, professional body and trade union”

Oct 8th

[Communications Manager \(strategic\), Band C, 12 month FTC \(maternity cover\)](#)

Big Lottery Fund

Oct 9th

[Communications Lead](#)

The Way Wolverhampton Youth Zone

Oct 10th

[Senior Digital Consultant](#)

“award winning Branding agency”

Oct 18th

[Head of Product Innovation](#) (London or Birmingham or Manchester or Newcastle or Exeter or Leeds)

Big Lottery Fund

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