



*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

FIRST ISSUE OF DIGITAL WM NEWS VOL 2

Welcome to the first issue of **Volume 2** of our monthly newsletter. It's hard to believe we are in our second year of publication already but we've really enjoyed it so far! We are going to continue to help people in the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sectors around the West Midlands to get more out of technology and the web.

Input from subscribers and guests

We love having your news, events/training, offers/tips, people, reading and vacancies for consideration and hope to hear from more readers in 2018.

Deadline 21st of each month

- Pauline Roche, RnR Organisation

SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER REVISED LIBRARY SERVICE STRATEGY FOLLOWING PUBLIC FEEDBACK

By Barrie White, Jan 4th 2018

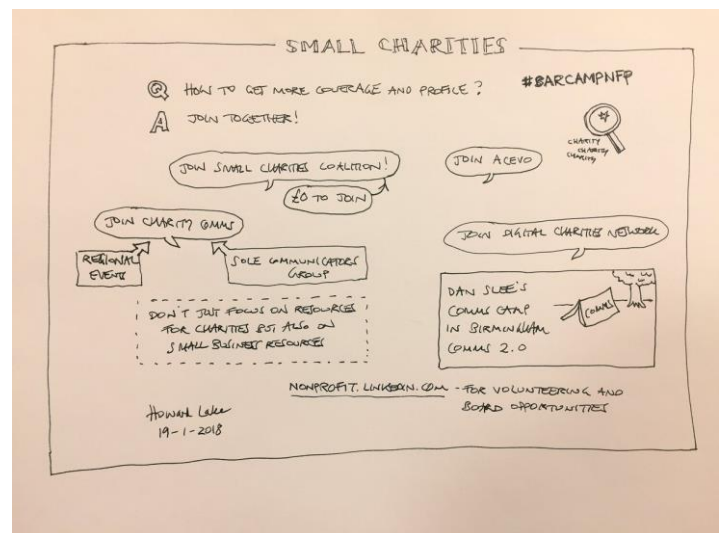
"...“The Library Services Strategy for Shropshire, 2018 to 2023, reflects the council's ambition and commitment not only to ensure library services continue to flourish, but also to unlock the huge

potential that library services have to impact positively on individuals' lives.” ...”

Full story [here](#)

BASIC DIGITAL SKILLS FRAMEWORK – CONSULTATION

“...the Tech Partnership and Lloyds Bank are [leading a consultation](#) to understand and measure the digital skills required for UK citizens to thrive in a digital world. This consultation builds on a [2015 framework created by Go ON UK](#), and addresses substantial changes to technology in society since this was created... runs until March 20th 2018...”



Visual notes from the #smallcharities session at #barcampnfp by @HowardLake Jan 19th 2018

HOW FACEBOOK'S NEWS FEED CHANGES WILL AFFECT YOUR CHARITY

By Kirsty Marrins, Jan 15th 2018

“Mark Zuckerberg recently announced that [Facebook is changing the algorithm for its News Feed](#) to ‘bring people closer together’.



Events/Training

EVENTS

Feb 2nd

Hosted by [TLANG](#)

[Language, social media and migration: the role of mobile communication in migrants' everyday lives](#)

University of Birmingham, School of Education, Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham

Feb 19th

[Net Squared Midlands: tech for social good](#)
[Love Birmingham, Love Digital](#)

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

Mar 2nd

[RnR Organisation](#) and [Data Unlocked](#)
[Data Dig: Civil Society & Open Data expedition](#)

iCentrum, Innovation Birmingham, Holt St., Birmingham

Mar 8th

[Meet the Stemettes on IWD](#)

Millennium Point, Birmingham

Naturally, charities and social enterprises saw this as a negative announcement but we don't think it is (and we'll tell you why)...”

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

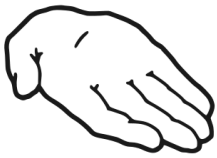
[Tech Wednesday](#) – monthly meet up for like-minded individuals in tech industry in Birmingham area

TRAINING

Feb 5th

[BVSC](#)

[New Data Protection Law \(GDPR\), plus managing social media issues in the workplace](#)



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

The new Minister for Libraries is [Michael Ellis](#), Member of Parliament for Northampton North. It is the third time in 18 months that the minister responsible for libraries has changed, at a time that tens of libraries are closing every year. In the 12 months to April 2017, 105 libraries shut down and £66m was slashed from libraries' budgets, according to figures from the [Chartered Institute of Public Finances and Accountancy \(CIPFA\)](#) – full story [here](#)



Reading/Listening

[More widespread tech hubs means more innovation](#) by Caroline Preese, ITPro, Dec 11th 2017

"..."Manchester, Birmingham, Edinburgh and others are developing strong tech clusters with emerging specialisms such as EdTech, GovTech and [Big Data](#). By accelerating growth and connections in and between tech clusters across

the UK, we can build a network of digital excellence which reflects the country's standing as a globally leading digital economy."..."
[European Parliament Research Underlines Library Role in Media Literacy](#), Jan 4th 2018, IFLA
[Trust, Privacy and our Ethical Principles](#) by Dawn Finch, Jan 5th 2018

"...In a world where we are bombarded on a daily basis with uncountable gigabytes of data, and also with biased reporting and often outright lies, having someone in our community (be that virtual or physical community) who can be trusted is essential. A librarian who has sworn to uphold truth and privacy is not a dated concept, in fact it is the very cornerstone of every successful 21st century community..."

[Data Protection](#) (including GDPR) by NCVO

[Seven things charity sector can learn from GDS](#) by Kieron Kirkland, Jan 8th 2018

“...there’s a lot the charity sector could learn from GDS, despite differences between the two sectors. There are some very practical things we could implement that would fundamentally reshape how charities design and deliver digital services that are driven by, and meet, the needs of their communities...”



Vacancies (listed by Closing date)

Feb 2nd

[Regional Digital Inclusion Coordinator](#)

Leonard Cheshire Disability

Feb 3rd

[Data and Informatics Project Manager](#)

Leading hospital charity, Birmingham

Feb 8th

[Information Worker](#)

Dementia charity, Coventry

Feb 9th

[Insight and Communications Officer](#)

Sport Birmingham

Feb 11th

[Website Content Manager](#)

Rethink Mental Illness

Feb 15th

[Information and Research Hub Manager](#)

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Mar 1st

[Young People’s Digital & Engagement Officer](#)

Children’s Liver Disease Foundation

Unknown

[Web Developer](#)

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