

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

SECOND ISSUE OF DIGITAL WM NEWS VOL 2

Welcome to the second issue of **Volume 2** of our monthly newsletter. We're so happy we are in our second year of publication already and 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.

Deadline 21st of each month

- **Pauline Roche, RnR Organisation**

DIGITAL LEADERS 100 AWARDS 2018

The [DL100 Awards](#) honour the highest achievements from the past year, celebrating teams and individuals who are blazing a trail within the digital space; includes Cross-Sector Digital Collaboration of the Year, Digital Skills or Inclusion Initiative of the Year, Digital SME of the Year, Digital Charity of the Year, Young Digital Leader of the Year & Digital Team of the Year

Closing date: Fri Mar 2nd 2018

HOW CHARITY DIGITAL SKILLS HAVE CHANGED SINCE 2017

by Zoe Amar, Charity Digital News, 1st Feb 2018

Nonprofit digital expert Zoe Amar reveals how digital skills in the charity sector have changed over the last year, ahead of 2018's Digital Skills Report.

Full story [here](#)

WHY SOCIAL MEDIA MATTERS TO ALL OF US

by Ian McIntock, Feb 15th 2018

"...Any board that doesn't understand digital impact, doesn't have the skills it needs..."

Full story [here](#)

PEOPLE, POWER AND TECHNOLOGY: THE 2018 DIGITAL ATTITUDES REPORT

"...This new [research from Doteveryone](#) looks beyond internet usage and explores how the British public thinks and feels about the internet technologies shaping our world and changing our lives..."

OXFAM SCANDAL: NINE CHARTS THAT SHOW WHAT CHARITIES DO

"...how much money charities raise and how they operate..."

Full story (and data) [here](#)



Events/Training

EVENTS

Mar 2nd

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

iCentrum, Innovation Birmingham, Holt St., Birmingham

Mar 5th

[360Giving Open Data Day 2018](#)

London

Mar 8th

[Meet the Stemettes on IWD](#)

Millennium Point, Birmingham

Mar 19th

[Net Squared Midlands: tech for social good](#)
[WhatsApp - what's up?](#)

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

Apr 21st

[Smart London Camp](#)

Apr 23rd

[VCSSCamp 8](#)

City Hall, The Queen's Walk, SE1 2AA London

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

Mar 13th

[VAC](#)

[General Data Protection Regulation \(GDPR\)](#)

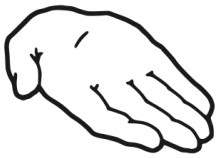
Voluntary Action Coventry, 29 Warwick Road, Coventry, CV1 2ES

Mar 19th

[BVSC](#)

[Get ready for GDPR \(New Data Protection Law\)!](#)

BVSC, 138 Digbeth, Birmingham B5 6DR



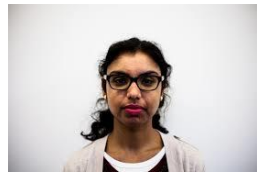
Offers/Tips

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



Sharon Kaur, who's been involved with the [School of Code](#) bootcamp in Birmingham, talks about her experience and her perspective on tech in 2018: "...soft skills are just as important, if not slightly more, than the technical aptitude of an employee in the tech industry! With collaboration and a business acumen, we can bring the world of technology together and use it to make a better life for every human being on this planet..." Full story [here](#)



Reading/Listening

[Saving Charities Money](#) by Recruit a Robot, Feb 5th 2018

"...option that we believe charities of all sizes should consider in helping transfer more funding to principal activities is Robotic Process Automation (RPA). Although this sounds a very

futuristic term, it is in fact focused on automating existing computer based tasks..."

[The Emotional Chatbots Are Here To Probe Our Feelings](#) by Arielle Pardes, Jan 31st 2018

"...what if that AI came not just with the ability to answer questions and complete tasks, but to recognize human emotion? What if our voice assistants and chatbots could adjust their tone based on emotional cues? If we can teach machines to think, can we also teach them to feel?..."

[Collaborating for Greater Impact: Building an Integrated Data Ecosystem](#) By Joanne Cave, Tracey Gyateng, Lisa Lalande and Tris Lumley, MowatNFP, Feb 6th 2018

“...This paper – a joint project between Mowat NFP, New Philanthropy Capital, and Imagine Canada – defines the data ecosystem, summarizes the charitable data policy context, and highlights key challenges and emerging trends. It provides actionable recommendations to build a more enabling environment for data collection, analysis and sharing....”

[Conversation Menu: Starting your nonprofit:digital partner relationship on the right footing](#) curated by CAST & NeonTribe

“...a conversation menu to help charities/nonprofits and digital teams to have open and honest conversations at the start of a project...”

[Charities can ‘no longer afford to be digitally defiant’](#) by Austin Clark, Feb 6th 2018



Vacancies (listed by Closing date)

Mar 2nd

[IT Business Engagement Manager](#)

Extracare Charitable Trust

Mar 5th

[Technology and Product Director](#)

The Brilliant Club

9:18am - 25 Jan 2018 · Buffer

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