



*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

THIRD ISSUE OF DIGITAL WM NEWS VOL 2

Welcome to the third issue of **Volume 2** of our monthly newsletter. We are continuing 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, including via this publication. Welcome to our new subscribers since last month.

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**

BECOMING DATA SAVVY PROGRAMME FOR SOCIAL SECTOR TARGETTING WEST MIDLANDS

“From our work with hundreds of non-profits we know there are powerful opportunities to be realised from getting to grips with data... and there are real challenges too. Many charity and social enterprise leaders tell us they are not

confident about data and lack capability in this area.

For this reason, we’ve developed Data Evolution+, an ambitious new programme of support for the non-profit sector...”

Participants will need to be a registered charity or a social enterprise. Priority will be given to those based in the West Midlands with a turnover of less than £2m

Full programme and eligibility details from Data Orchard [here](#)

THE CHARITY DIGITAL SKILLS REPORT 2018

“...Overall this year we have seen progress in some charities’ digital skills, whilst there has been little movement in others. Given the speed of change in digital, is the pace fast enough?...”

Full report available to download [here](#)

CHARITY DIGITAL CODE OF PRACTICE TO BE CREATED

“...Charity bodies have formed a steering group to create a digital code of practice to try to close the skills gap in the sector...with representatives from NCVO, Acevo, the Small Charities Coalition, the Charity Finance Group, Tech Trust, SCVO, WCVA and Charity IT Leaders, as well as the Office for Civil Society and the Charity Commission. It will

be chaired by independent digital consultant Zoe Amar.”

Full story by Kirsty Weakley, Civil Society [here](#)



Events/Training

EVENTS/DEADLINES

Apr 10th

[Democracy Club](#)

[Birmingham elections data party!](#)

Impact Hub Birmingham, Walker Building,
Oxford St, Digbeth

Apr 19th

[Net Squared Midlands: tech for social good](#)

[Introduction to Tech for Good](#)

Innovation Birmingham, Holt St., Birmingham

Apr 23rd

[VCSSCamp 8](#)

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

Apr 26th

[ONS roadshows: 2021 Census outputs and population statistics – Birmingham](#)

thestudio..., 7 Cannon Street,
Birmingham B2 5EP

Apr 27th

[RnR Organisation](#) and [Data Unlocked](#)

[Data Dig: Civil Society & Open Data](#)

[expedition](#) (Open Data Day event –
rescheduled from Mar 2nd)

iCentrum, Innovation Birmingham, Holt St.,
Birmingham

WEEKLY/MONTHLY MEETUPS

[Birmingham Open Code](#) (restarting Apr 24th)

- 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

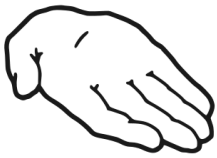
Apr 19th

[Data Orchard](#)

[Data Protection: Changing Times, Changing Laws](#)

The Hive, Sawmill Walk, The Butts, Worcester

WR1 3PD



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



"...Jane Ide joined NAVCA as Head of Member Engagement in September 2016, and in 2017 took on the role of Chief Executive for this national charity and membership organisation. She is able to draw on a substantial career leading engagement and communication at the most senior level, across the NHS, the Civil Service, and the public and private sectors..." – full interview [here](#) by Ellen Drummond & Amelia Lee, Mar 6th 2018, Charity People



Reading/Listening/Resources

[Charities must embrace open data with open arms](#), Mar 2nd 2018

"Ahead of Open Data Day [Mar 3rd], Rachel Rank [CEO, [360 Giving](#)] explains why charities cannot ignore the trend."

[Supporting charity digital development through savvy grant funding](#)

By CAST, Mar 23rd 2018

"...We've been working closely with Comic Relief on a series of Funder + programmes, where CAST sits between the funder and grantee to supercharge their progress within the funding period..."

[How to solve social problems with open data](#) by Matt Saunders, March 16th 2017

“...We’re going to explore some simple ways in which you can get involved in using open data, from developing ideas and apps to contributing back to the knowledge pool...”

[Series of images featuring BAMEs using tech](#)

UK BAME stock photo project (CC licensed)

[Why Small is beautiful](#) [YouTube video] by Mandy

Johnson, Small Charities Coalition, Mar 2nd 2018

“In this #vlog I share my thoughts about why small can be beautiful when it comes to the charity sector”.



[Launching the Data Culture project](#) by EL News, Mar 5th 2018

“...We often talk about data literacy as if it’s an individual capacity, but what about data literacy for a community? **How does an organization learn how to work with data?...** The Data Culture Project is a hands-on learning program to kickstart a data culture within your organization...”

Vacancies (listed by Closing date)

Apr 8th

[Senior Digital Campaigner](#)

Forward Action

Apr 9th

[Digital Fundraising Executive](#)

Animals Asia

Apr 11th

[Action Network Project Manager](#)

Friends of the Earth

Apr 13th

[Marketing Officer \(Film & Digital\)](#)

Northampton Theatres Trust (Royal and Derngate)

Apr 16th

[Digital, Marketing and Website Officer](#)

Children’s Liver Disease Foundation

Apr 25th

[Assistant Global Communications Officer](#)

&

[Communications Assistant](#)

The International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease

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