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News

SIXTH ISSUE OF DIGITAL WM NEWS VOL 2

Welcome to the sixth issue of **Volume 2** of our monthly newsletter – again, slightly longer than usual this month with lots of events and jobs.

We at [RnR Organisation](#) love helping people in the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sectors around the West Midlands (and wider through the annual unconference for CVSSs [VCSSCamp](#)) 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 look forward to hearing from more readers in 2018.

Deadline 21st of each month

- **Pauline Roche, RnR Organisation**

iSANDWELL CAMP 2018 LIVEBLOG

We were delighted to be in Sandwell in June during national [Digital Leaders week](#) to facilitate the second [iSandwell Camp](#), this one focussing on Digital Champions.

We looked at how we use our digital skills at work and at home, the need for digital in the region, where we get our digital skills and information from and perception is of the issues in Sandwell with regards to digital exclusion. We then set the scene to where we are currently are around the Digital Champions network, seeing the iSandwell Camp event as a chance to put the brakes on, and engage with the community to ensure we are on point, welcoming feedback on the existing role description.

Nathan Coyle from [New Union](#) liveblogged the event for [iSandwell](#) during the day.



Read Nathan's blogposts [here](#) and our Twitter moment [here](#)

HUFFPOST LISTENS: BIRMINGHAM

"...HuffPost Listens will see the entire news team of 45 journalists relocating to Birmingham for the whole of next week, to open up our newsroom in a public space in the city's famous Bullring shopping centre. From there, we will go out into

the city and ask our readers to tell us the issues that really matter and that we should be reporting on..”

Full story [here](#)

WARWICKSHIRE CAVA: STATE OF THE SECTOR REPORT 2018

The report brings together feedback and data from voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations operating across Warwickshire following its survey in 2017.

The report explores key areas such as workforce, income, expenditure and relationships. It is a valuable resource for not only the VCSE Sector but also public and private sector partners.

“Organisations with an income of less than £100,000 per year make up 56% of the VCSE Sector in Warwickshire; this compares to 82% nationally when looking at NCVO data”.

Download report [here](#)

HOT SPOTS, COLD SPOTS: WHAT’S HAPPENING TO LONDON’S LOCAL CHARITIES?

By Ben Rogers, Centre for London, June 20th 2018
“...Have London’s charities prospered as the city’s economy has? Have those who have done well from the capital’s success donated time and money to help those who have struggled? New research by Centre for London, in partnership with the [Third Sector Research Centre](#) at the University of Birmingham, suggests a complex picture...”.

Full story [here](#)

DCMS SEEKS THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE CHARITY COMMISSION – deadline July 19th

“...The law states that two board members must be legally qualified, one must have knowledge of Wales and the board must include understanding of the charity sector. The deadline for application is 19 July and final interviews are expected to be held on 6 September 2018...”

Full story [here](#)



Events/Training

EVENTS/DEADLINES

July 3rd

[An Introduction to Impact Practice](#)

Bulkington Community and Conference Centre,
School Road, Bulkington, Nuneaton CV12 9JB

July 4th

[Impact Hub Birmingham Masterclass: How to crowdfund your social movement](#)

Impact Hub Birmingham, Walker Building, 58
Oxford St, Birmingham B5 5NY

[LGA - The Digital Place: connecting citizens, councils and communities](#)

International Convention Centre, Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2EA

July 5th

[Professional Development, Moving-Up and Moving Sideways: IoF West Midlands July First Thursday](#)

John Lewis Community Hub (top floor), 2 Station Street, Grand Central, Birmingham B2 4AU

[TAPSPAG Speed Matching Event](#)

St Francis of Assisi Church - Parish Hall, 110 Warwick Road, Kenilworth CV8 1HL

July 6th

Fawcett

[Listening To West Midlands Women's Voices Event](#)

Birmingham Voluntary Service Council, 138 Digbeth, Birmingham, B5 6DR

July 9th

[DMT Lab present: AR+VR // How can it impact your business?](#)

Birmingham City University, Parkside Lecture Theatre, Parkside Building, Curzon St Birmingham B4 7XG

July 12th

[Connected cities: making the most of digital connectivity to improve prosperity](#)

The Library of Birmingham, Centenary Square Birmingham B1 2ND

Social Audit Network (SAN)

[Roadshow – Social Impact Accounting For Faith-Based Organisations](#)

The Springfield Project, Springfield Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 9NY

[Social Media For Beginners Class](#)

1000 Trades, 16 Frederick Street Birmingham B1 3HE

[Successful Business & Charity Partnerships](#)

[Workshop for Senior Decision Makers: IoF West](#)

[Midlands Corporate Workshop With Thrive, Birmingham](#)

Gowling WLG, Two Snowhill, Birmingham B4 6WR

July 19th

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

Innovation Birmingham, Holt St., Birmingham

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

[Digital Evenings](#) (Fircroft College) – weekly (Tues) - improve your digital skills. No previous experience required.

[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

July 4-6

[IT for the workplace – Part 2 \(residential\)](#)

Fircroft College, 1018 Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6LH

July 27th

[Social media for business: Birmingham drop-in sessions](#) (#SheMeansBusiness)

Tilt, City Arcade, Union St, Birmingham B2 4TX

Nov 5th – Dec 4th 2018

[Third Sector Digital Leaders](#)

The School for Social Entrepreneurs, 139 Tooley St

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

We featured Clare Streets from the School of Code Bootcamp in the Dec 2017 Digital WM News – now we catch up with what she's been doing since finishing Bootcamp.

Read the update [here](#)



Reading/Listening/Resources

[Foundation trustee boards: the Good, the Bad and the Data](#) by Keiran Goddard, ACF, June 27th 2018

"...ACF has received requests from a number of our members for us to run a survey on the make-up of foundation trustee boards. Rather than carrying out this research on our own members, we have instead sought to draw on the most statistically robust and representative data currently available.

Using data from the Charity Commission for England and Wales, and carried out by The Centre for Charity Effectiveness at CASS Business School, the resulting

report provides a number of talking points and moves the discussion on to a more evidence-based footing..."

[What Digital Transformation Is Not About](#) by Paul Taylor, June 27th 2018

"...Digital illiteracy will get you fired long before a robot does. Digital is now not just part of the economy — it *is* the economy. Rather than it being the responsibility of an elite few surely anyone in a publicly funded role must be digitally literate?"

Perhaps leadership in the digital age is *less a set of skills and more a set of behaviours*.

The challenge for current leaders and public sector organisations is the legacy thinking and a business model disconnected from citizens living digital lifestyles..."

[Three Ways To Build Digital Capacity At Your Charity](#) by Kirsty Marrins



Vacancies (listed by Closing date)

Jobs in the West Midlands (and/or flexible location) with a digital emphasis

July 1st

[Digital Marketing Officer](#)

Islamic Relief Worldwide

[Community Engagement and Development Worker](#)

Alzheimer's Society

July 5th

[Communications Officer](#)

One Walsall

July 13th

[Digital Marketing Coordinator](#)

St Giles Hospice

[Director of Strategy and Engagement](#)

YHA

[PR & Communications Manager](#)

ShelterBox

July 6th

[Chief Executive Officer](#)

AbilityNet

July 16th

[Communications & Marketing Co-ordinator](#)

2M Employment Solutions Ltd

July 9th

[Ecommunity Moderator](#)

Bipolar UK

July 19th

[Senior Supporter Development Officer](#)

Practical Action

July 10th

[Digital & Graphic Design Assistant](#)

Warwick SU

July 21st

[Communications Officer](#)

Jubilee Debt Campaign

July 12th

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