



News

Pop-up Glass Room comes to Brum

By Fiona Cullinan

“...Do you feel your digital self is slipping out of control? Clicked “I agree” too many times? Have you ever wondered if your smart gadgets know more about you than you do?

Visit the [Glass Room Experience](#), a pop-up exhibition on Data and Privacy, at Stirchley Library on Saturday 4 August 2018 (10am-4pm) – and find out...” [Full story](#)

New Volunteering Data Out

By Lisa Hornung, NCVO

“...the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) published the latest results from its [Community Life Survey](#). This survey provides the most reliable data on volunteering rates in

England. This blog presents some of the key findings from the 2017/18 data...”

Read the [full story](#) with graphs

What's the digital state of the sector?

By Kirsty Marrins, Third Sector, 18th July 2018

“...At the beginning of the year, I asked four experts in the sector how digital might develop in 2018. As we're seven months into the year, it's time to take stock and see what the digital state of the sector is right now...” [Full story](#)

Charity Digital Code of practice consultation

[Full code, resources and consultation details](#)

The Code, developed by a steering group of organisations across the sector, aims to support charities of all sizes, budgets or causes in progressing with digital, offering a consistent framework for the sector to work towards. It is not a regulatory requirement, so it focuses on the principles and best practice in digital.

Deadline for consultation responses: 9am on Tuesday 25 September 2018.



Events & Training

Events & Deadlines

Aug 4th

[The Glass Room: looking into your online life](#)

Stirchley Library, 8 Bournville Lane, Birmingham B30 2JT

Aug 9th

[Keep it 'Super' Simple with Email Design & Creative](#)

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

Aug 13th

[Cybersecurity Constantly evolving Threats in our "Cloudified" Perimeter'](#)

University of Wolverhampton in Stafford
2A Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street,
Stafford ST16 2LP

Aug 16th (Wolverhampton)

[STEM Ambassador Induction and DBS Checks](#)

Wolverhampton City Archives, Molineux Hotel
Building, Whitmore Hill, Wolverhampton WV1
1SF

Aug 22nd (Birmingham)

[STEM Ambassador Induction and DBS Checks](#)

Mercury Training Services Ltd, 6th Floor, The Big
Peg, 120 Vyse Street, Birmingham B18 6NF

Aug 29th

[SocialUP Design Thinking for Social Enterprises -
European Launch Event](#)

Aston Business School, 295 Aston Express Way,
Birmingham B4 7EQ

Sept 15th

[Wellness Hackday](#)

Custard Factory, Gibb St, Digbeth, Birmingham B9
4AA

Sept 17th

[Voluntary sector trends: checking the data](#)

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

Sept 22nd

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

Innovation Birmingham, Faraday Wharf, 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) – improve your
digital skills. No previous experience required.

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

[Net Squared Midlands](#) – monthly (except Aug)

#techforgood meetup

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

Training

Aug 14th

[Code Club Training Workshop and Taster Session
- Worcester](#)

The Hive, Sawmill Walk, The Butts
Worcester WR1 3PD

Ongoing

[Digital skills & employability training course](#) - for
unemployed, not in education or training people
aged 16-29 living in the Black Country

Ongoing

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

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

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



Huge thanks to **all the people at my Hack my newsletter session at [CommsCamp](#)** in July who took some time to help us make this newsletter look better – I'll be writing a blogpost about it in due course, and there is still lots to do but in the meantime, thanks again!



Reading, Listening & Resources

[Future Tech Trends for Charities to know about](#)

By Matt Howarth, Reason Digital, 9th July 2018

“What the heck is Blockchain? How is AI relevant to our charity? What are machines spending so much time learning? We wanted to share with you what these buzzwords **actually** mean, how the third sector is using them and what social impact is being created as a result...”

[Supporter experience through instant messaging](#)

By Dan Papworth-Smyth, July 26th 2018

“...How long will it be until we see more charities join their audiences on IM to give them the supporter experiences they'll begin to expect?”

[Patchwork Philanthropy: philanthropic & public spending blind spots and the Brexit vote](#)

by Dr Sandy Gulyurtlu, July 2018

New [Young Foundation](#) report maps patterns of philanthropic and charitable spending across England against deprivation, public spending and the EU Referendum result.

The results show the key areas where there are high levels of need, and low levels of philanthropic funding. How can this data on uneven patterns of distribution and need support funders in their place based working, and desire for collective impact?



Vacancies (listed by Closing date)

Aug 4th

[Communications Manager - Productions](#)

Birmingham Hippodrome

Aug 6th

[Communications Manager](#)

Chartered Institute of Housing

Aug 7th

[DFN MoveForward Progression Coach](#)

ThinkForward

Aug 8th

[Onsite IT Technician](#)

Ark schools

Aug 12th

[Digital Inclusion Officer](#)

Clarion Housing Group Ltd

Aug 14th

[Campaign Activism Advisor](#)

Friends of the Earth

Aug 22nd

[Helpline Coordinator](#)

Birmingham & Solihull Women's Aid

Seventh Issue of Digital WM News Vol 2... complete with some changes

This is the seventh issue of **Volume 2** of our monthly newsletter and we hope you like some of the changes we're making to it. We asked some of the lovely people at [CommsCamp](#) to hack the newsletter and they gave us loads of good ideas including to Cease and Desist using clipart! Watch out for more changes next month.



Hack my newsletter (please!) session at CommsCamp18

We love helping people in the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sectors around the West Midlands (and wider through [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 hope to hear from more readers in 2018.

Deadline 21st of each month

- **Pauline Roche, RnR Organisation**

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