

Increasing digital skills and knowledge in the VCSE sectors

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CAST Design Hop coming to Birmingham



CAST
Driving social change
with digital technology

CAST has now opened registration for one of its free half-day Design Hop workshops in **Birmingham on Wed Feb 6th**. CAST is a charity which helps nonprofits realise the opportunities and implications of technology, so they can continue to champion and support the most vulnerable.

The Design Hops are a fastpaced introduction to digital development, acting as the first step for charities just starting to explore the role of digital in their services.

The four-hour creative session builds confidence and motivation to take the next step, as well as focus on what that immediate next step should be for each organisation.

To apply for a place at the Birmingham Design Hop, or one of the other scheduled Design Hops, there's a short form on [this page](#) on the CAST website.

CAST will respond within a couple of weeks of registration confirming your place, or signpost you to alternative opportunities if they think they'd be a better fit for your needs.

NOTE: Registration will typically close two-three weeks before the event, or once the event is full.

Why NCVO decided to be radical and brave with its digital and tech plans

By Megan Gray, NCVO, 11 Dec 2018

"...I love reading about people's experience of leading digital — the cultural challenges of aligning agile practices with more traditional governance, the pragmatic decisions made when trying to deliver as much value as possible with constrained budgets, the triggers that can make you launch into a complex and challenging project.

So, I'm trying to carve out some time to share our experience, in the hope that it may be helpful to others".

Full post [here](#)

WM Digital skills partnership launch



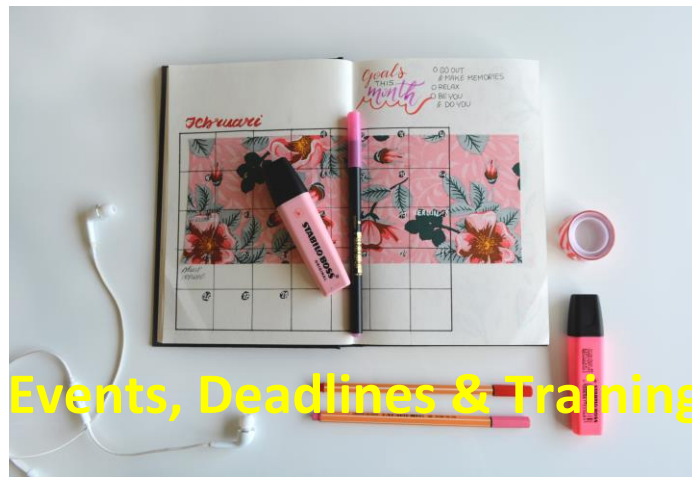
West Midlands CA @WestMids_CA · Dec 6

It's the inaugural meeting of the digital skills partnership- which is bringing together tech firms, businesses, universities, colleges and training providers from the region to improve local people's digital skills and qualifications
[#wmdigitalskills](#)



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We look forward to talking to WMCA about how charities and non-profits can be involved in this partnership



Events

Jan 8th

[Healthwatch Birmingham Market Shaping Event](#)

Birmingham City Council, Room G03,
1 Lancaster Circus Queensway, Birmingham
B4 7DJ

Jan 9th

[Innovation Workshop: Technology during Transition](#)

The studio..., 7 Cannon Street, Birmingham
B2 5EP

Jan 14th

[Trade School Digbeth: There's A Class in You](#)

Impact Hub Birmingham, Walker Building,
58 Oxford Street, Birmingham B5 5NR

Jan 15th

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

John Lewis Community Hub (4th Floor), John
Lewis & Partners, Grand Central, 2 Station St
Birmingham B2 4AU

Jan 17th

[Feeding the City 2019 - Ideation Workshop](#)

Arabian Bites, 1a Lamb Street, Coventry
CV1 4AE

Jan 21st

[MedTech Foundation Birmingham "Hack Day"](#)

University of Birmingham, College of Medical
and Dental Sciences

Jan 28th

[Maker Monday: January 2019 Edition](#)

1000 Trades, 16 Frederick St, Birmingham
B1 3HE

Jan 31st

[Digital Skills Masterclass: Birmingham](#)

The Bond Company, 180-182 Fazeley Street

Birmingham B5 5SE

Feb 6th

[CAST Design Hop](#)

Impact Hub Birmingham, Walker Building,
58 Oxford Street, Birmingham B5 5NR

Feb 25th

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

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58 Oxford Street, Birmingham B5 5NR

Weekly/Monthly Meetups

[Birmingham Open Code](#)

- weekly (Tues) open study session for folks who
program or those who want to get started

[Bum SMC](#) – monthly (last Fri) social media
meetup

[Coding Wednesday](#) – monthly (last Wed) -
Codeacademy, YouTube tutorials etc

[Digital Evenings](#) (Fircroft College) – semi-
regular - improve your digital skills

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

[Impact Hub Birmingham Discovery Tours](#) –

weekly (Tues) tour of collaborative space

[Net Squared Midlands](#) – bi-monthly

#techforgood meetup

[Open Tech Lectures](#) – monthly technology
lecture series

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

Training

Ongoing

[Digital and IT](#)

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



Angela Style, Interim CEO, Small Charities Coalition



Angela Style

The [Small Charities Coalition](#) has appointed Angela Style as its interim chief executive. Style, who was previously the director of the [Maternal Mental Health Alliance](#), took up the role in November.



How to Create a Data-Driven Library [podcast]

“...Kendra Trachta, Deputy Director of Sno-Isle Libraries, a two-county system in northwest Washington.... [guides] us to become data-driven libraries and shares that this is not really about numbers; it’s about using numbers to understand people and purpose”.

Listen [here](#)

If we don't support small, small can't support us

By Lizzie Walmsley, Small Charities Coalition, Civil Society, 3 Dec 2018

“....I celebrate small charities and advocate that they need more money. I use the 97 per cent figure to demonstrate that the majority of the sector is made up of small charities and changes need to be made to accommodate this and to inspire people to give to small charities and champion their work”

Full post [here](#).

‘Charity as a Platform’ — a prototype

By Doteveryone, 13 Dec 2018

“Here, [Cassie Robinson](#) introduces ‘Charity as a Platform’ — a concept that makes it easier for charities to reduce their operational costs and build a common infrastructure for the social sector — to help strengthen it and create opportunities for collaboration, sector-wide advocacy and enable far greater collective intelligence”.

Full post [here](#)

Top 10: The most influential BAME tech leaders in the UK

Financial Times, 14 Nov 2018

Individuals who champion diversity in the sector

Full post [here](#)

Open standards, emerging technology and the government of the future [podcast]

In the second GDS podcast, senior writer Sarah Stewart talks to [Terence Eden](#), Open Standards Lead at the Government Digital Service.

Listen [here](#)



Vacancies by closing date & employer

2nd January

[Evaluation & Co-production Intern](#)

British Red Cross

[Inclusion Recruitment Associate](#)

NCS The Challenge

[Staffing Associate](#)

NCS The Challenge

6th January

[Digital Communications Officer](#)

Aston University

7th January

[Digital Communications Officer](#)

Emmaus UK

9th January

[Freelance social media producer/editor](#)

Care4Calais

13th January

[Information & Resource Officer](#)

Shelter

15th January

[Director of Computer Science Education](#)

The Raspberry Pi Foundation

16th January

[Digital Content Manager](#)

deafPLUS

[Volunteering Manager](#)

National Deaf Children's Society

18th January

[Charity Manager](#)

University Mental Health Advisers Network

20th January

[Data Monitoring Officer](#)

Bumblebee Conservation Trust

21st January

[Creative Workshop Facilitator](#)

NCS The Challenge

No date

[Charities Partner](#)

Charities Solicitor

Twelfth Issue of Digital WM News Vol 2... and yet more changes

This is the twelfth and final issue of **Volume 2** of our monthly newsletter. We love helping 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.

We also help sector colleagues – through our regular tech for good Meetup [Net Squared Midlands](#) and the annual national infrastructure unconference [VCSSCamp](#).

New subscribers

Welcome to our new subscribers since last month. We now have 110+ subscribers.

Input and comments from subscribers and guests

“Just like to say a quick thanks to RnR for pulling together this fab newsletter! There really is nothing like it, that I’m aware of, that focusses on #techforgood in the Midlands. It’s one of the few newsletters that I actually look forward to and always read” **and** “I rely on your newsletter to find out what’s going on” – two happy readers.

We love having your news, events/training, offers/tips, people, reading and vacancies for consideration and hope to hear from more readers in 2019. We also look forward to publishing some guest posts.

Deadline 21st of each month

Pauline Roche, RnR Organisation

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