

How to measure the success of your Digital Champion project

Components of a logic model for a Digital Champion programme

Logic models (also called theories of change or logical frameworks) help you evaluate your Digital Champion programme by:

- giving you a picture of how the programme is intended to work
- identifying your programme's main components, and how they relate to one another
- showing the planning and execution of your programme, as well as its intended effects.

There are lots of templates for logic models freely available online – choose one that suits your project. Below are some typical components of a logic model for a Digital Champion programme.

Planning and execution	Examples
Inputs	Funding, staff, volunteers, resources such as the Digital
i.e. resources	Champions Network
Activities	Recruitment, training and support of Digital Champions
i.e. programme events	Engagement and support of beneficiaries
Outputs	XX number of Digital Champions recruited
i.e. products of programme	XX number of Digital Champions trained
events	XX number of Beneficiaries recruited/engaged
	XX number of Beneficiaries supported

Intended effects	Examples
Short term outcomes i.e. immediate effects in weeks or months Need to be SMART ⁱ	 Digital Champions improve their digital skills and /or support skills Beneficiaries improve their digital knowledge and skills, change their beliefs about digital technology, or increase their motivation to engage with digital technology Organisation/s recognises the importance of digital skills support for staff, volunteers and beneficiaries
Intermediate outcomes i.e. intended effects occurring over months or years Need to be SMART	 Digital champions' wellbeing enhanced by helping others Beneficiaries' wellbeing improved in one or more areas: Education or training Employment Money Health Socialising Leisure etc Organisation/s embeds digital skills support into everyday service delivery
Long-term impacts i.e. years or decades	Greater digital inclusion, reduced digital exclusion, reduced social exclusion

Three key evaluation questions for Digital Champion programme beneficiaries

If you do nothing else, try and ask at least a sample of your beneficiaries these questions:

- Q1. What's changed for you (if anything) since you received digital champion support?
- Q2. How much of this change is down to the support of the digital champion, and not some other factor like help from family or friends? [none, some, about half, most, all]
- Q3. Do you think this change might have happened even if you had not got any support from digital champions?

Key reference

Digital Inclusion Evaluation Toolkit (DCMS 2017)

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/digital-inclusion-evaluation-toolkit

This is a comprehensive guide including a handbook with practical advice on conducting an evaluation, plus a bank of standardised digital inclusion outcomes. Don't feel you have to do everything – take what is useful and relevant.

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ⁱ That is: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound