



Cumbria Digital Inclusion Network

Minutes from the meeting 11th December 2024

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Brief overview of issues covered

Firstly, thank you to everyone who attended this Network meeting 😊

It was great to welcome Joe from Cumbria Community Foundation and Rachael from Health Innovation North East & North Cumbria. Joe's background includes working as a Digital Inclusion Office for a Local Authority, so we hope he will continue to attend and support these network meetings.

The following topics were covered with short presentations which you can watch from the webpage.

Speakers:

Joe Cosby , Cumbria Community Foundation	-	Funding available – Digitally linked Projects
Rachael Forbister , Health Innovation NENC	-	Device Refurbishment Programme
Laura Rutter , Bedrock Basics Digital Support Officer	-	Digital Fair 2025
Sarah Jewell , Let's Get Digital West Cumbria	-	Digital Skills Map - prototype

Links & further information:

Cumbria Community Foundation	-	watch the presentation
joe@cumbriafoundation.org	-	find out more about the fund
Health Innovation North East & North Cumbria	-	watch the presentation
rachael.forbister@healthinnovationnenc.org.uk		
Bedrock Basics Digital Support (c/o CVS)	-	watch the presentation
laura.rutter@cumbriacvs.org.uk	-	download the slides

AOB:

'Digital Skills Support Map' - Sarah and Pat have created a prototype which can initially sit on the Cumbria Digital Inclusion Network webpage. It may well be integrated with Cumberland and Westmoreland Council maps (tbc)

Village Hall Initiatives/Event – Sarah, Let's Get Digital West Cumbria, has been working with Hellen Aitken from ACTION for Communities in Cumbria on how to better support Village Halls with their Digital Inclusion/Initiatives. Together they are looking at potentially holding an event

for Village Hall committees to educate them about benefits of wifi in halls, device options and how digital skills support can benefit not just their committees but the groups who rent/use their facilities (e.g. WI's, Rotaries, Knit & Natter, mums groups etc.)

Next meeting – Late Feb/Early March – Sarah to send out next meeting appointment

Attendees:

Sarah Jewell, Digital Unite – Let's Get Digital West Cumbria

Pat Maskell, AbilityNet Cumbria

Laura Rutter, CVS – Bedrock Basics Project

Liz Nichol, Cumberland Council – CDO for South Cumberland (Frizzington to Millom)

Rachel Haroulis, Cumberland Council – Libraries

Julie Friend, Cumberland Council – Social Inclusion and Housing Team Lead

Jon Brooke, Capgemini – Funder of 'Let's Get Digital, West Cumbria' and other ESG Digital Inclusion projects

Joe Cosby – Cumbria Community Foundation

Rachael Forbister – Health Innovation NENC