

Devices and Digital Skills

Project Overview

Good Things Foundation is a social change charity that helps people to improve their lives through digital and social inclusion. We help people to get online and use digital technology. We tackle the most pressing issues of our time by working with partners in thousands of communities across the UK and further afield.

'Devices and Digital Skills' is a project aiming to improve people's quality of life. This is important as we will be working with people whose lives have been made harder during the Covid-19 pandemic through lack of access to digital technology and skills training. We are working with JP Morgan who are providing funding for the project. Each beneficiary will be given a device, internet connectivity, 24gb of data and support for them to learn to use it to meet their own goals. These goals will be around employability skills or improving their financial health. People who receive devices will be digitally excluded adults living in East London, Bournemouth, Glasgow or Edinburgh. We will refer to these people as beneficiaries.

Support to use the device will be provided by community partners in the Online Centre Network. We want groups and organisations that work with digitally and/or socially excluded people, to apply to join the network and become part of the project. The funding for this project is time limited meaning that the project has strict deadlines and is conducted at pace.

Organisations working with us on the project will receive a grant for their work by the end of September 2021. The work to be completed in order to receive the grant includes:

- Identifying digitally excluded adults living in the qualifying geographical areas of the UK and gaining their consent to take part in the project.
- Joining the Online Centres Network, registering each participant on the learning platform Learn My Way and completing a baseline survey with each participant
- Receiving and setting up the devices with connectivity and required documents/apps
- Safely delivering the devices to beneficiaries
- Providing six hours of support to each beneficiary so that they can learn to use their devices to meet their goals
- Submitting an impact survey for each beneficiary