



Digital Inclusion in Scotland

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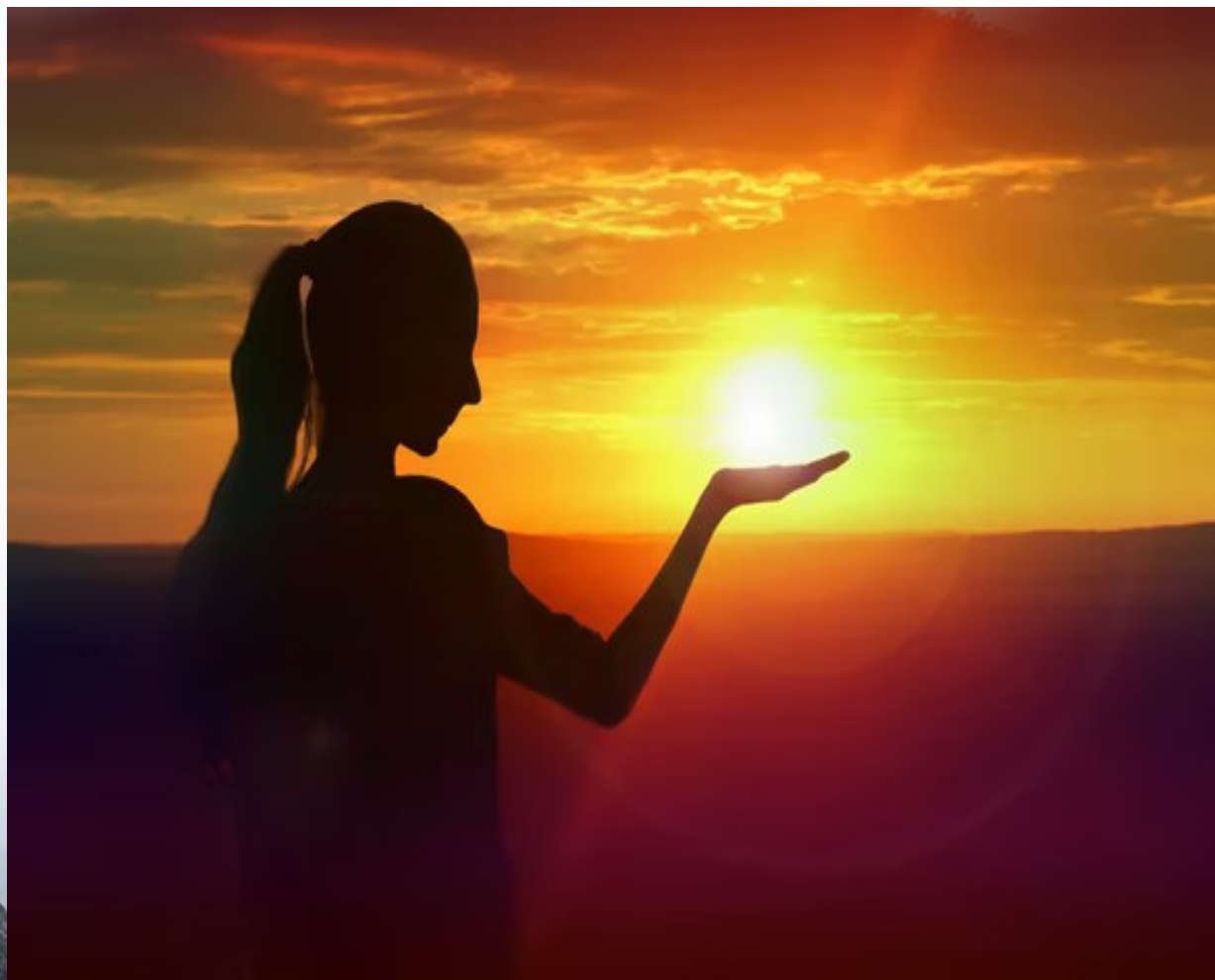
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The before times



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- Digital Participation Charter
- Investment from a range of organisations to explore and refine ways of working
- One Digital
- #NotWithoutMe
- Partnership development





Connecting Scotland

supporting everyone in Scotland to get online



What was the mission?

Deliver useful devices, connectivity and skills to support people through lockdown





- Chromebook or ipad
- Mifi Connectivity (unlimited)
- Written support delivered with device
- Digital Champion Training for partners
- Helplines

Who are we helping

- Clinically vulnerable
- Disabled people
- Older people
- Families and single parents
- Care leavers
- People in Care Homes

How

PARTNERSHIP

-  Small core team – SCVO / SG
-  Countrywide partnership nominating people
-  Industry colleagues
-  Digital Champions

What are we delivering?

- 65,000 devices and connectivity
- 46,923 already delivered
- Skills & confidence support
- Trained Digital Champions (2,700+)

What have we delivered



What have we delivered to date?

It's saved my sanity to tell you the truth.

The thought of being on my own with no one. It's opened up my life and let me live a bit more. It's kept my brain ticking and kept me sane.

Alleviation of poverty, greater social connectedness, health and wellbeing

Who are we now working with?

- Charities and voluntary organisations
- Care Homes
- Local Authorities
- Housing Associations
- NHS (Drug Death Prevention)
- Refurbishment and Recycling sector

The New Reality

- Pivot again (and probably again)
- What worked and what's working
- Greater awareness of the need for digital ...
- ... BUT ... we're starting to see a slide back and need to maintain momentum

Check out more detail

- This afternoon at 3:40pm
 - Rory Brown and Irene Mackintosh
- Twitter = @DigiScot or #ConnectingScotland
- Connecting.scot



Thank you

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