Oxfordshire Digital Inclusion Charter



Definition

We believe that digital inclusion is about ensuring that everyone can choose to access the internet and have the skills to use it. This is a multi-faceted issue and includes:

- Access to good quality and affordable broadband, wi-fi and mobile data.
- · Opportunities for digital skills training and support.
- Devices that can access the internet, that are affordable and good quality, and meet their users' needs.
- The ability, motivation, confidence, and physical space to safely access the internet.
- Accessible services that are designed inclusively to meet the needs of service users.

Principles

- 1. We will work together in collaboration to coordinate approaches to digital inclusion by:
 - Encouraging the involvement of partners and networking across Oxfordshire.
 - Reducing duplication of efforts and building on existing infrastructure to better support our communities.
 - Raising awareness of digital exclusion and identifying gaps in current provision.
- 2. We will share priorities and collaborate on opportunities to access funding and resources by:
 - Aligning and maximising our resources.
 - Signposting to information about opportunities and sharing knowledge.
 - Sharing evidence-based approaches and reflecting on the effectiveness of initiatives.
- 3. We will always be learning and continuously improving by:
 - Understanding and adapting to evolving needs.
 - Identifying digital barriers for our customers and residents.
 - Learning from best practice.

- 4. We will promote the importance of digital by choice by:
 - Acknowledging that one size does not fit all.
 - Recognising the diversity of needs within Oxfordshire and the importance of inclusion.
 - Encouraging the benefits of getting online.
- 5. We will consider the wider social value of initiatives by:
 - Designing accessibility into digital initiatives and platforms.
 - · Prioritising sustainability and supporting environmentally aware choices.
 - Using clear and consistent language to ensure advice is simple and accessible
- 6. We will encourage the development of digital skills and competencies by:
 - Signposting to digital training opportunities.
 - Increasing communications around online safety, wellbeing, and confidence.
 - Enabling a digitally skilled workforce.

We will monitor the progress of this charter and associated actions and will commit to an annual review to ensure that this is fit for purpose.

Declaration:

By signing this Digital Inclusion Charter, [I commit/our organisation commits] to the principles set out in this charter to enable Oxfordshire to be a digitally inclusive county.