

Session plan – The role of community hubs & libraries in rural areas

Introductions

Short presentations from Lancashire Libraries & Clackmannanshire Third Sector Interface on their digital inclusion work.

Questions for discussion

1. How we can use community hubs to develop digital skills?
2. Why are community hubs a useful asset?
3. What are the positive advantages of using these spaces?
4. How can we develop a learning community in a rural area?
5. What type of learning communities do we want to create in rural communities?

Scenarios (in groups)

Market town library

A local library offers digital skills sessions once a month. The sessions are reasonably well attended but not everyone is able to attend them especially since the local bus service has been reduced. The library is aware that there are a number of clubs and societies who meet in local villages and might provide an opportunity for some outreach work.

Consider:

- How would you begin to engage with the local partners – what would be the hook(s) that you think would engage them?
- 6 weeks of digital skills sessions have been delivered. How would you now sustain the groups' interest in continuing to learn new digital skills?

Local parish (or community) council

The local parish council has approached you asking if you could provide some digital skills sessions in their area.

Consider:

- What would be the basics you need to be able to start delivery?
- How would you go about promoting the training sessions?