



Update June 2024

Welcome to the DAISI Project newsletter! We have a new look to go with our new newsletter, and as our network partners we will be keeping you up to date with our latest news, information, and opportunities on digital equity across the county.

In this newsletter, you can find out about our new DAISI volunteer Jens, a few of the DAISI Project's national partners, as well as our new lived experience-led approach to digital equity in Tewkesbury Borough. We also have a fantastic Databank milestone to share with you – which you have helped to make possible.

We want to use this newsletter to champion the partnership's work and spread the news of the amazing work you are all doing to support clients and increase digital equity in Gloucestershire. **If you want to share your news with the partnership email digital@grcc.org.uk with the subject line DAISI News.** We aim to send out our newsletter approximately every 6 weeks.

With over 160 separate entities signed up to the DAISI partnership, we would like to take the opportunity to **"Welcome everyone aboard!"**



»»» RECOGNISING OUR DAISI VOLUNTEERS

We are delighted to recruit two new DAISI volunteers - Jens Meyer and Kat Brown. You may have already met our volunteers in the North Cotswold's - Ken, Caroline and John. You will find them on Tuesdays at the George Moore Centre from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, enabling the local community to get the most out of technology, including their healthcare apps.



Our volunteers use their own experiences of working with and using technology to help us on our mission to ensure digital equity across Gloucestershire.



We are always seeking passionate people to volunteer with DAISI and GRCC; here's what Jens said about using his peer experience to enable others:

"The opportunity to help people take advantage of the possibilities of digital connection is exciting to me. I understand the fear of the unknown, fear of the new, fear of something that seems all pervasive and intrusive, and I want to help to ease those fears. I want to help people understand that the connection to the digital world is here to help, inform and support."



DID YOU SPOT US ON THE BBC?

On Monday 8th April we were featured as the introductory story on the One Show. We would like to champion Jamie, Ads and the attendees at the Bourton on the Water Digital Wellbeing Group. Our key message during this piece was around championing digital equity for all, highlighting the deficit in the most rural parts of our county, whilst opening conversations around the digital divide impacting many across the UK.

TEWKESBURY GETS A LIVED EXPERIENCE LED APPROACH TO DIGITAL EQUITY!

In a collaborative effort GRCC, Tewkesbury ILP and Tewkesbury Borough Council have commissioned a **specialist bottom-up project** and role collecting data around the digital and technology needs of the Tewkesbury Borough. Through a combination of surveys and case studies, we hope to better understand the needs of the communities, volunteers and stakeholders across the borough.

CELEBRATING DAISI'S NATIONAL PARTNERS

We are delighted to welcome...

THE DEVELOPER SOCIETY_

Developer Society - a not-for-profit digital agency, working with NGOs and groups with a progressive mission to help make the world we live in a better place. Thriving on designing and building web projects that make a real and tangible difference to the lives of people in need.

THE GROWTH HUB LAUNCHES THEIR NEW BUSINESS FRIENDLY WEBSITE

We are proud that a key partner of DAISI is taking amazing steps to ensure digital accessibility and build on ways to test this against different communities of lived experiences across Gloucestershire. This will actively help make Gloucestershire more accessible for all.

GRCC's Digital Manager Daniel Gale comments:

"We are proud to work alongside a key stakeholder into the private sector. The Growth Hub are a hugely proactive DAISI partner, committed to ensuring digital equity".

Meet the newest member of our digital team!



Lauren Woods is our new Digital & Technology Navigator for Tewkesbury Borough. Please email her at laurenw@grcc.org.uk to find out more about the project.

If you work in, live in or have connections to Tewkesbury Borough please take the 2 minute survey using the QR code to the right.



Cast - Working to remove barriers, identify opportunities, devise initiatives and spark connections enabling organisations to become stronger and more sustainable within themselves - and more responsive to the changing needs, behaviours and expectations of their communities.



»»» NATIONAL RECOGNITION!

Back in November, DAISI was nominated for the **Internet Services Providers' Association (ISPA)** Digital Inclusion Award. Our Digital Manager, Daniel Gale attended the celebrations in London on our behalf.



»»» DATABANK MILESTONE!

We are thrilled to share that the Databank, led by the DAISI project at GRCC, has reached a significant milestone in our ongoing effort to bridge the digital divide in Gloucestershire. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of our partners and community supporters, **we have successfully distributed over 15,000 SIM cards across the county!**

This achievement is not just about numbers; it's about the impact on the lives of individuals who now have better access to essential digital resources. These SIMs provide crucial connectivity for families, elderly citizens, and disadvantaged groups, facilitating access to online services, educational resources, and much-needed social interactions.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our partners whose support has been instrumental in this accomplishment. Your commitment is helping us transform the digital landscape of Gloucestershire, making it more inclusive and accessible.

Let's continue to work together to ensure that every member of our community can connect, engage, and thrive in today's digital world. Here's to many more milestones ahead!

Thank you for making this possible!



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