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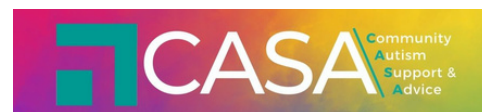


Welcome to the DAISI Project bulletin for October!

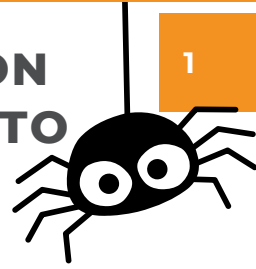
This month, prepare for some thrilling updates! Meet the chair of the partnership, save the date for our upcoming workshops, learn about the benefits of working in partnership and so much more.

This newsletter champions the partnership's activity 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 170 separate entities signed up to the DAISI partnership, we would like to take the opportunity to **welcome our new partners aboard!**



»»» GREEN SQUARE ACCORD AND THE NELSON TRUST'S 'PLACES OF SAFETY' JOIN DAISI TO TACKLE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE



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We are delighted to announce that Nelson Trust and Green Square Accord's 'Places of Safety' project have joined forces with DAISI, furthering our commitment to closing the digital divide across Gloucestershire. This partnership will focus not only on geographical gaps but also on promoting digital equity in many ways. Nelson Trust's expertise in female empowerment and Places of Safety, which provides crucial support for women escaping abuse, align perfectly with DAISI's vision of using digital tools to enhance personal safety and independence. Digital equity is vital for ensuring that women, particularly those in vulnerable circumstances, have access to the resources and opportunities they need. With support from DAISI, women connected to these services will receive access to devices, connectivity, and digital skills training, empowering them to engage with essential services, financial support, and online communities safely.

By addressing both gender and social inequalities, this collaboration is a powerful step toward a more equitable digital landscape.



»»» WELCOMING THE CHAIR OF THE PARTNERSHIP

Nina Sethi, Chairperson of the DAISI Partnership, exemplifies a commitment to creating opportunities and driving change. As a Trustee of GRCC and The Phoenix Charitable Trust, she has been instrumental in uplifting communities. Her leadership at AbilityNet highlights her belief in technology's transformative power. With 40 years of international corporate experience, Nina excels in uniting people and tackling complex challenges, particularly through her expertise in software engineering and Robotic Process Automation. Her journey from India and escaping Kuwait during the Iraq invasion has shaped her understanding of resilience and the importance of access to education. Under her leadership, DAISI aims to promote digital equity and break down barriers.



Photograph of Nina Sethi, Chairperson of the DAISI Partnership.

DAISI RECEIVES GENEROUS SUPPORT

The ITSA Digital Trust, a computer recycling charity, donated 36 laptops to the DAISI Project in September. Thanks to their generosity, these devices will be distributed to areas across Gloucestershire where they are most needed. This will enable local communities to close the digital divide.

To find out more about donating equipment to the DAISI Project, contact us on

digital@grcc.org.uk or 01452 528491.



The ITSA Digital Trust donating laptops to GRCC's DAISI Project.

NEW NORTH COTSWOLD DROP-IN!

The Village hall committee at Ebrington in the North Cotswolds has recently joined the DAISI network. They will be delivering drop-in sessions for the community so they can help achieve the aim of digital equity for all, across the county.

The committee spent an afternoon with GRCC staff and received two donated laptops so that they could get a better understanding of what might be involved and had the equipment to be able to support people requesting help. Allison, Dinah, Lynn and Marc will be joined by two GRCC volunteers, Simone and Barry and have begun by consulting the community on the support they may need so that they can build a delivery model the community need. They hope to offer the first drop-in session at the hall in October.

GRCC and the DAISI network are delighted to have them on board and look forward to the delivery of more digital equity in the most remote parts of the Cotswolds.

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EBRINGTON Village Hall

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DIGITAL FOUNDATIONS DIGITAL SKILLS DROP-IN

Would you like to gain new skills and get the most out of your devices?

- DO YOU MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR DEVICE?
- DO YOU MAKE BEST USE OF THE NHS APP?
- WANT TO KNOW CYBER SECURITY BEST PRACTICE?
- DO YOU KNOW THE BEST WAYS TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY?
- FINDING THAT MORE AND MORE EVERYDAY TASKS INVOLVE ONLINE ACTIVITIES AND YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START?
- UNSURE IF YOUR DEVICE IS SECURE AND SUITABLY BACKED UP?
- DEMO LAPTOPS ARE AVAILABLE - BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, there is a "DIGITAL SAFE SPACE" session here at the Village Hall that will give you top tips and answer your questions. All sessions are completely FREE.

Sessions are held at;
Ebrington Village Hall,
Hidcote Road,
Ebrington,
GL55 6NA

When: Starting Saturday 26th
October from 11am and then 30th
November
The FREE Sessions run after the regular
coffee mornings.

See Allison, Dinah, Lynn, Marc, Simone or Barry for more details -
ebringtonvillagehall22@gmail.com / 07855 524266

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>>> EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT



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Are your participants, patients, clients or customers
searching for work?

Sarah Brooks, our Employment and Skills Hub Outreach Coordinator for Tewkesbury Borough, will be attending the Gloucester Careers fair on the 24th October. Sarah can offer personalised support, goal setting and help find employment.

Details: The job fair will be held at Gloucester Guildhall between 10 am - 2 pm. If you would like to contact Sarah, please call **07310 078723** or email **sarahb@grcc.org.uk**.



The UK Shared Prosperity Fund is a central pillar of the UK government's Levelling Up agenda and provides £2.6 billion of funding for local investment by March 2025. The Fund aims to improve pride in place and increase life chances across the UK investing in communities and place, supporting local business, and people and skills. For more information, visit: www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus



>>> SAVE THE DATE FOR DAISI'S WORKSHOPS

The **DAISI Partnership HIVE (Online) event: Monday, 4th of November 2024, 13:00 pm - 16:00 pm**. Join us for a virtual workshop!

Whether you're a small, medium or large organisation/community project, everyone is welcome to participate in this workshop. The main aims of the event are:

- To explore DAISI Hive workshop opportunities based on partnership need
- To discuss best practice to enable community led digital support
- To shape the future of the DAISI partnership

Register now for this fang-tastic opportunity by visiting <https://shorturl.at/n7eWV> or email us at **digital@grcc.org.uk**. Don't miss out on this chance to shape the future of digital in Gloucestershire.

**BE THERE OR
BE SCARED!!**



You are invited...

Join us on the afternoon of the 30th
of January for an in person DAISI
workshop!

Look out for more information
in the upcoming newsletters!

»»» BENEFITS OF WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

DAISI Partners, Cheltenham Borough Homes, and GARAS have collaborated to promote digital equity locally, already yielding significant benefits since their initial meeting in June. Let's take a look at what they have achieved so far:

- Workshops providing laptops and internet access.
- Participants included diverse family members eager to learn new skills.
- Focus areas included job search navigation, CV creation, and online training.
- Positive feedback highlighted increased confidence, access to resources, and successful job outcomes.
- Project extended to assist resettled families with E-visa applications.
- Sessions evolved into self-teaching, empowering participants to guide each other.
- Attendees began participating in Skills Hub workshops, with plans for GARAS workshops in the community.

Rachel Southall, Resettlement Officer, at GARAS said "The professionalism and warmth of the team has resulted in high attendance and diverse representation from the Resettled Community. This has been a highly effective programme; the team has arranged language support that will enable a client to undertake the Food Safety Course, allowing her to finally utilise her chef qualifications and experience. Other community members have informed me about the workshops they plan to attend. I have shared the developments of the past four weeks with colleagues working in Gloucester, West Oxford, Stroud, and Tewkesbury, and they are eager to replicate this model in their areas."



»»» NORTHLEACH TEEN SPACE JOINS DAISI TO TACKLE DIGITAL POVERTY



We are excited to welcome Northleach Teen Space as a new partner of DAISI! Northleach Teen Space, a youth-focused organisation, is committed to enhancing the welfare and sociability of local teens in Northleach and surrounding areas. By joining DAISI, they aim to address digital poverty, ensuring that teens struggling without access to technology can benefit from digital tools and resources. With the increasing reliance on online platforms, especially for schoolwork, providing access to technology has become more crucial than ever. Operating from the Westwood Centre every Monday, Northleach Teen Space is dedicated to offering a supportive environment for teens to thrive in the digital age.

REPAIR CAFE JOINS THE PARTNERSHIP

Give your belongings a new lease of life with Brockworth Repair Cafe!

Treat yourself to a hot or cold drink with a slice of cake whilst a team of skillful volunteers offer their help to repair your item! The team includes electricians, engineers, carpenters and sewers. There is also equipment to sharpen items such as garden shears.

The Repair Cafe takes place on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 10 am - 12 pm. Find them at Brockworth Community Centre, Court Road, GL3 4ET.



WE WANT YOU!

We are looking for Volunteers to support the running of 3 Local Digital Support groups in Tewkesbury Borough.

Highnam- Friday 12:30pm - 2pm on a bi-weekly basis

Priors Park- Every Wednesday morning 10am-12pm

Shurdington- Every third Monday of the month, 9am start.

If you, or someone you know, is interested and lives within the locality/ willing to travel, please email

laurenw@grcc.org.uk or call **07467 923154**.

We are also looking for someone with creative flare and a passion for supporting young people to enable us to make new and relevant resources on online safety. You can work from home and connect with the team online if you prefer. We would like these resources to be co-produced with young people through our partner connections.

If you or your organisation would like to be part of the conversation please contact to us at digital@grcc.org.uk.



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For more information about any of these groups, please contact us today on 01452 528491 or email digital@grcc.org.uk



Local Digital Support

We can help you with:

-  NHS app support
-  Internet access & laptops available to use
-  Employment Support
e.g. helping job seekers access online applications

12:30 pm - 2 pm
bi weekly on Friday's, starting on 2nd August 2024

The Old School, Highnam,
Community Centre Trust, Newent Road, Highnam, Gloucester, GL2 8DG



Local Digital and Technology Support Drop in

Every 3rd Monday of the Month from 9am-10:30am at Shurdington Church Hall, School Ln, Shurdington, Cheltenham GL51 4TF

Do you have difficulty with the NHS app, health and well-being apps, internet connectivity, accessibility needs or digital literacy skills?

Please contact Digital & Technology Navigator, Lauren Woods for more details on 07467 923154 or email her at laurenw@grcc.org.uk



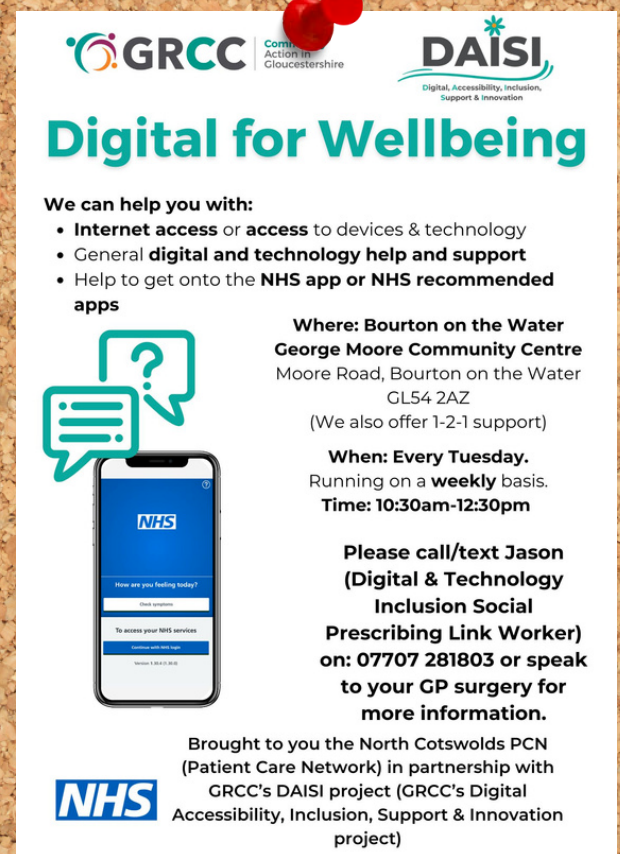
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Priors Park Neighbourhood Project
Jubilee 11 Neighbourhood Centre, York Road, Tewkesbury, GL20 5HU



Digital for Wellbeing

We can help you with:

- Internet access or access to devices & technology
- General digital and technology help and support
- Help to get onto the NHS app or NHS recommended apps

Where: Bourton on the Water
George Moore Community Centre
Moore Road, Bourton on the Water GL54 2AZ
(We also offer 1-2-1 support)

When: Every Tuesday.
Running on a weekly basis.
Time: 10:30am-12:30pm

Please call/text Jason (Digital & Technology Inclusion Social Prescribing Link Worker) on: 07707 281803 or speak to your GP surgery for more information.

Brought to you the North Cotswolds PCN (Patient Care Network) in partnership with GRCC's DAISI project (GRCC's Digital Accessibility, Inclusion, Support & Innovation project)