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Exploring and understanding Digital Literacy

Accelerated Reform Fund (ARF)
Online learning workshop - July 2024

Before we start...

Introductory video to the ARF

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Accelerating Reform Fund

The Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) has launched a £42.6 million Accelerating Reform Fund (ARF) to boost the quality and accessibility of adult social care by supporting innovation and scaling, and kickstarting a change in services to support unpaid carers.


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About the fund

The Accelerating Reform Fund (ARF) focuses on embedding and scaling approaches to transform care and support including for unpaid carers, who play such a vital, selfless role in our society. This will accelerate progress towards the government's social care vision where people have choice, control and support to live independent lives, and where care and support is of outstanding quality and is provided in a fair, accessible way.

Local authorities have registered their interest with the DHSC, in partnership with others, in their integrated care systems, to fund local innovation projects. They are expected to work collaboratively with others such as the NHS, care providers, voluntary and community sector groups, including unpaid carers. The ARF is supporting at least two projects per region, one of which will focus on unpaid carers, and consider co-production with both care recipients and unpaid carers, ensuring they are inclusive of local diverse needs.



What do we mean by Digital Literacy?

Skills needed to effectively and safely navigate and use digital technologies.

This includes the ability to find, evaluate, utilise, share and create content using digital tools, information technologies, the internet and understanding how to protect personal data.

Why is digital literacy important?

Empowerment

Access to information,
advice and care and
support

Improved outcomes

In your ARF projects?

Who is your audience
in relation to
improving digital
literacy?



Breakout Groups

What is getting in your way
when trying to improve digital
literacy to support success in
your ARF project?

Share initiatives you have
used, are planning to use or
know of that support
improving digital literacy and
for who?



30 Mins

Good Things Foundation - Offers free courses on digital skills tailored for various demographics, including older adults and caregivers.

- [Link](#)

Digital Unite - Digital Champions Network - Trains volunteers to support individuals in gaining digital skills.

- [Link](#)

Age UK - Digital Inclusion Programme - Offers workshops and one-on-one support to build digital skills among older adults and caregivers.

- [Link](#)

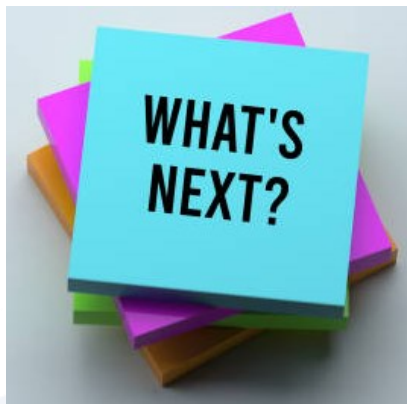
Summary of Key Points

Emphasise user feedback and continuous improvement

Continuously evaluate the effectiveness of digital solutions

Foster partnerships with technology providers, educational institutions, and community organisations to support ongoing digital literacy initiatives

Collaborate, coproduce and work in partnership with key stakeholders who represent your audience from the beginning



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SCIE – We will send a survey to understand what has gone well and what we can do better

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Ipsos - Ipsos will be conducting surveys and interviews with relevant stakeholders to evaluate the programme's processes and emerging impacts.

The slides, key message and identified tools will be uploaded to SCIE's website



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