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Conference

Tackling Technology Together

Promoting the Digital Activist Inclusion Network



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Thursday 10 December 2009
 The Indian Community Centre Association,
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Background

This year has seen the publication of the Digital Britain White Paper, the appointment of a Digital Inclusion Champion and the launch of the Digital Participation Strategy in the UK. The Digital Activist Inclusion Network (DAIN) is an exciting innovative transnational project which aims to develop, test and deliver approaches to challenge the digital divide, ultimately helping to widen participation in employment and learning.

DAIN will operate in eight areas across the East Midlands. The project will deliver 200 community-based Information & Communication Technology courses per year and will recruit, train and support at least 100 volunteers from the local target communities who will be known as Digital Activists. The role of the Digital Activist will be to engage and encourage people experiencing digital exclusion to get involved in using digital technology.

This conference will explore practical approaches to challenging digital exclusion. The objectives of the event are to:

- offer a forum for debate and discussion of strategies and ideas for using technology to engage new ICT learners
- provide a national and European picture of policy and current good practice
- enable exchange of information between current digital inclusion projects and other community-based groups and organisations
- identify ways in which new technologies can be used to overcome exclusion.

Participants will gain an understanding of:

- current thinking on digital inclusion and ways to tackle it
- the role of volunteers and other community members in engaging new learners.

The event will be of particular interest to:

- volunteers and those who are considering taking up this role
- local and regional community and voluntary sector organisations
- learning providers
- those engaged in production of new media, e.g. film makers, podcasters; and
- service providers promoting online services.

The programme offers a variety of opportunities for discussion and debate in workshops and plenary sessions including presentations from national and international speakers with acknowledged expertise in this field. The event will be opened by a representative from the Office of the Champion for Digital Inclusion.

Programme

- 09:30** **Arrival and registration** (tea/coffee available)
- 10:00** **Welcome and introduction to the day**
Regional Director, East Midlands Workers' Educational Association (WEA)
- 10:10** **Race Online 2012 – the national digital participation strategy**
Annie Dare, Head of Research, Office of the Champion for Digital Inclusion
- 10:30** **Digital Activists Inclusion Network - Video presentation**
Andria Birch, Project Manager, WEA
- 10:45** **Round table discussions**
- 11:15** **Tea/coffee break**
- 11:30** **Workshops**
A full workshop programme will be presented on the day and will include:

How to set up and run a learning circle, WEA
Some hands-on experience with digital images and audio, NIACE
Community Reporters – a digital inclusion project, People's Voice Media
Approaches to achieving digital inclusion, NIACE
- 12:30** **Lunch**
- 13:15** **Pervasive technology**
Chris Yapp, Executive Technology Strategy Consultant
- 13:45** **Round table discussions**
- 14:15** **Social networking for building communities**
Dr. Joe Cullen, Principal Associate of the Tavistock Institute
- 14:45** **Workshops**
Repeat of above, plus additional workshop:
Sense-making and collaboration for Digital Activists, Tavistock Institute
- 15:45** **How can the DAIN project benefit the East Midlands – concluding discussion**
- 16:00** **Close of conference** (tea/coffee available)

Event information

- Arrival and registration is at 9:30am for a 10:00am start. The event will end at 4:00pm
- Attendance is free (includes lunch, tea/coffee)
- Places will be allocated in order of receipt of completed application forms
- Priority will be given to applications from people from the East Midlands
- Completed and signed application forms must be faxed or posted to NIACE by the closing date. Reservations by telephone cannot be accepted
- Application forms are individually acknowledged by e-mail. Joining instructions, including map and directions, will be e-mailed one week before the event
- Participants should be prepared to take their own notes as there will not be handouts for all sessions
- We will prepare easy read and accessible versions of resources and materials so that all delegates are fully included and aware beforehand of what is planned
- If you have not received an e-mail confirming your attendance and joining instructions 4 working days before the event please contact:

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Application conditions

Event: Thursday 10 December 2009

- Substitutions are to be advised **5 working days** prior to the event
- A **10 working days** notice period is required for provision of electronic note-takers, sign language interpreters and transcription to Braille.
- NIACE reserves the right to reject applicants who are not from the target audience list.

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Please complete the application in **BLOCK CAPITALS**

I'd like to attend the DAIN event on **Thursday 10 December 2009, Nottingham**

Participant's details

Title _____ Full name _____

Job title _____ Organisation _____

Daytime tel No. _____ Mobile No. _____ Fax No. _____

Please provide an e-mail address that is your own and regularly accessed as this will be used to send you joining instructions.

E-mail

Please indicate which sector you work in: _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

This is my Home address Work address

Joining instructions will be sent by e-mail, if you would prefer to receive these by post, please tick this box

Participant's requirements

<input type="checkbox"/> I have no special requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> I will require a hearing loop
<input type="checkbox"/> I will need support for my visual impairment	<input type="checkbox"/> I will need wheelchair access
<input type="checkbox"/> I will need an electronic note-taker	<input type="checkbox"/> I will need facilities for an assistance dog
<input type="checkbox"/> I will require a sign language interpreter (please specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> I require event materials in a specified format (please specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have the following dietary requirements (please specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have further additional requirements (please specify)	

NIACE requires a 10 working days notice period to make arrangements for electronic note-takers, sign language interpreters and transcription to Braille.

Agreement - I accept the NIACE Event Information and Application Conditions

Signature	Date

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