

Now's the time to

plan your online events_



We're doing things a little differently this year, but don't worry we've made it as simple as ever!

With much of the country still social distancing, we're not asking you to hold public Get Online Week events in your local communities and invite people into your venues. Instead, we're asking you to help people safely, whether that's using digital tools like video calls, over the phone, or in person on 1-1 basis (but only when and where it's safe to do so). We know this is going to be new for lots of you, so here are some online event ideas to get you started.

1 First of all, make sure to check out the '[Remote delivery resources](#)' on the Online Centres Network website. There's a whole host of resources on how to engage people with low digital skills using tools like video calls, WhatsApp, email and more, as well as specific guides on virtual workshops and running online learning sessions.

Whatever your online event plans are, these resources could be the key to helping you engage with lots more people in your community.

2 A **digital coffee morning** can be a great way to bring local people together remotely, especially if they're otherwise isolated. Use one of the video call tools feature in our guide above and when everyone has joined the call you could do anything from a quiz or local history session, to arm chair yoga.

You can find out how one community organisation made their digital coffee morning work [here](#).

- 3 Virtual bingo** - Post bingo cards and an invitation with a time and date to some of your regular learners for fun and games to celebrate Get Online Week. Encourage regulars to invite friends and family who might like to do more online - and you can invite them to get more formal digital skills help at a later date.
- 4 Digital skills or device drop in** - Post a link to a group video call on your social media channels or share with people you're already engaged with - letting everyone know when you're available - and invite them along with any queries they have about what they'd like to do online or with their devices.
- 5 Join an event on the other side of the world** - Did you know Get Online Week is also taking place in Australia? If you'd like to host a joint event or demonstrate the wonder of video calls across 10,000 miles, get in touch at hello@goodthingsfoundation.org and we'll introduce you to one of our Australian event holders.
- 6 1-1 online support with devices or skills** - [Making sure to register the details of your plans on our website](#), set times during the week when you can provide dedicated support over the phone or via video call with whatever the people in your community need help with. You could offer appointments and contact details on your website or Facebook page or simply make sure people know when you're available to chat.
- 7 An online cooking club** - Many community organisations have a food bank or community pantry as part of their offer. [Take inspiration from the Intact Centre in Preston](#). They've been using Facebook and YouTube to help local people find tasty and affordable recipes while improving their digital skills at the same time.
- 8 Employability advice** - This year has left millions of people unemployed or worrying about their job security. Use Get Online Week to provide invaluable digital skills support to those looking for work. [See this guide from Destinations Saltburn](#) from some expert advice on how to make it work for your community.
- 9 Online interview masterclass** - With more and more job interviews taking place via video call, why not host a demonstration of how to make the best impression while being interviewed on camera? There's a great guide from one community organisation [here](#).