



## Request

We are proud to have partnered with organizations such as the Scottish Government, the Mayor of London, and Uber Direct, and launched our operations in the UK Parliament. Our mission is to support councils and communities in enhancing their digital capabilities and fostering economic growth.

I wanted to inquire whether your council has any publicly available information about:

1. Programs or partnerships to assist local businesses with digital services or online presence.
2. Opportunities for external organizations to work with the council on community-focused projects.

## Response

We have [Digital Wigan](#) webpages that support residents, partners and businesses to use digital services.

The Invest in Wigan team provide free advice and support which includes signposting to partner organisations including the Growth Company Business Growth Hub who can provide a range of digital support from specialist advisors. The team also promote digital courses, events and support through their communication channels including their 'Wigan Business' social media, monthly newsletters and local networking groups.

We have previously worked with Barclays who were offering a free cyber security course for the VCFSE sector and work in partnership with local colleges and universities. If community organisations require digital support they are either referred to free resources in the community or they search for funding to create an offer. Businesses can also offer free support to community organisations through our new social value platform [Match my project](#)