Technology & Homelessness

BCS Digital Divide Specialist Group Webinar

Worshipful Company of Information Technologists

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Agenda

• What is the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists?
• Why is there a WCIT Homelessness Panel and what do they do?
• How do we combat Digital Poverty?
• How does technology directly help address homelessness?
• How WCIT and BCS are working together
• How can you help?
• Q&A Session
What is the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists?

• 100th Livery Company of 110
• Precedence - Merchant Taylors and the Skinners
• 800 members – Freeman and Liverymen
• Modern Company - 1992
• Four Pillars:
  1. Charity – Pro Bono and Grants
  2. Education - Lilian Baylis Technology School and Hammersmith Academy
  3. Fellowship – active social calendar
  4. Industry – BCS Past Presidents
• Part of Local Government
Why is there a WCIT Homelessness Panel and what do they do?

**Vision**

“A world where everyone has a safe, stable and comfortable home”

**Mission**

“Through the use of technology, help those who are homeless or at risk of becoming so”

**Strategy**

- Pro Bono/Volunteering
- Policy Change/Lobbying
- Awareness
- Not fundraising
How do we combat Digital Poverty?

Our Mission
To end digital poverty once and for all by 2030.
What we do...
We convene, compel and inspire collaboration for the UK community to lead sustainable action against digital poverty.
How does technology directly help address homelessness?
How the WCIT and BCS are Working Together

• WCIT have members who are from both organisations, so committed to socialise activities from both organisations

• WCIT is leading initiatives addressing those who are homeless, so can mobilise WCIT and BCS members to scale initiatives across the UK

• Both BCS and WCIT are community board members of DPA
How can you help?

Awareness (Socialise)

Agitate (Mobilise)

Activity (Action)
How you can help …

- WCIT network partnered with BCS scale - activity
- Digital Poverty Alliance – awareness and agitate
- Joint statement?