Worshipful Company of
Information Technologists

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WCIT Homelessness Panel &
Digital Poverty Working Group

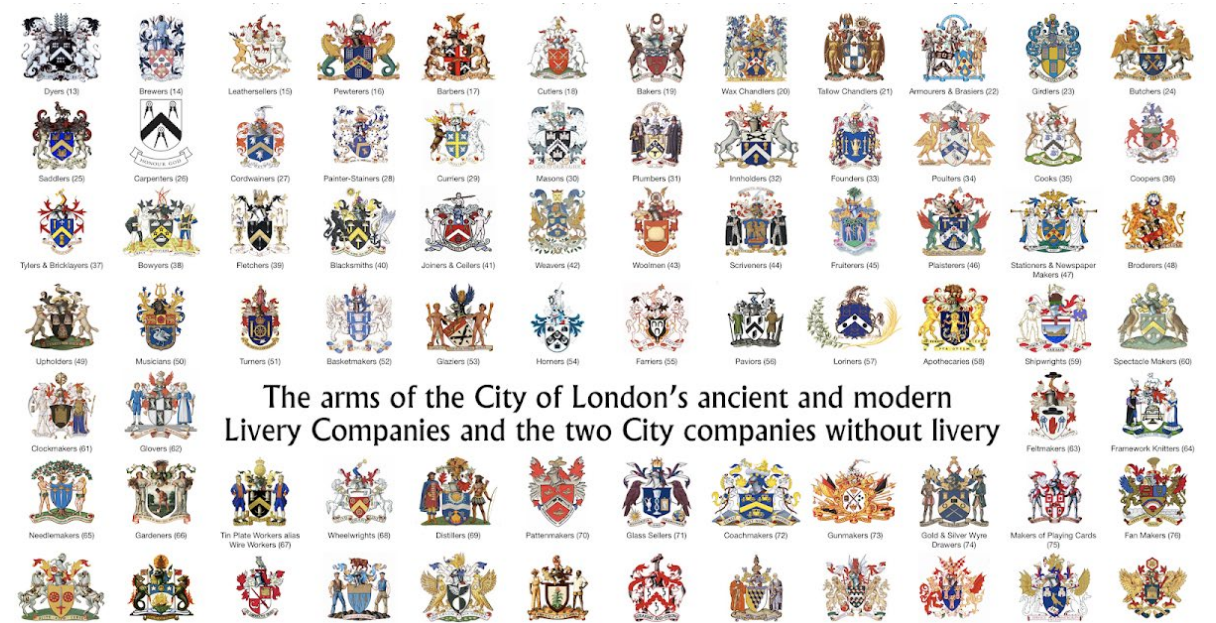December 2022

Technology & Homelessness

BCS Digital Divide Specialist Group Webinar

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

The arms of the City of London's ancient and modern Livery Companies and the two City companies without livery

CITY OF LONDON

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?

digital poverty alliance

board partner

Our Mission
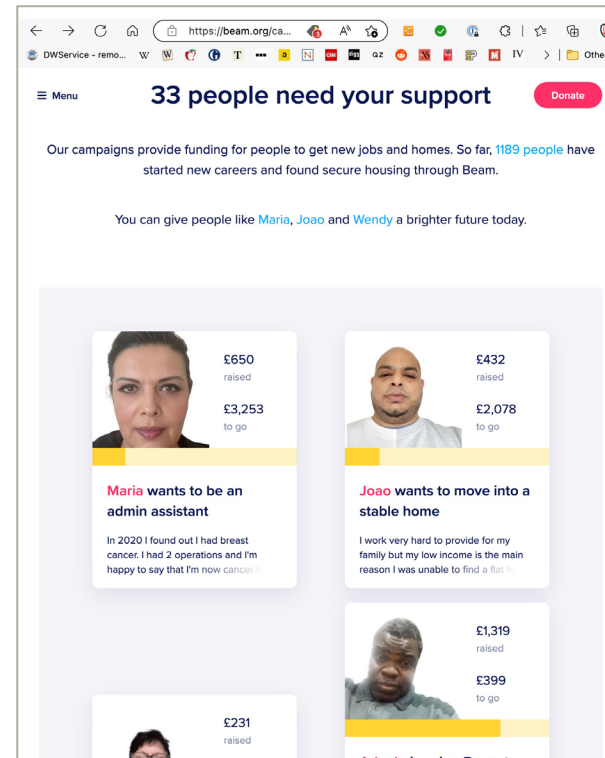To end digital poverty once and for all by 2030.
What we do...
We convene, compel and inspire collaboration for the UK community to lead sustainable action against digital poverty.

Dryden Estate Project
David & Jane Richards
Family Foundation

How does technology directly help address homelessness?

How the WCIT and BCS are Working Together

The Worshipful Company of
Information Technologists

- 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?

Agitate (Mobilise)

Awareness (Socialise)

Activity (Action)

How you can help …

- WCIT network partnered with BCS scale - activity

- Digital Poverty Alliance – awareness and agitate

- Joint statement?

How you can help

Socialise, Mobilise, Action

Become Supporter

Join
BCS Digital Divide SG
Digital Poverty Alliance

Join the BCS SG community and the Digital Poverty Alliance Community Hub to stay abreast of news and updates

Become Ambassador

Socialise
Signpost what you know
Get others to join

Signpost BCS and BCS SG aim to help close digital divide by 2030, working closely with Digital Poverty Alliance.
Encourage others to join

Pledge Action

Pledge
Give commitment to an action area, initiative that you want to help with

Sign up to pledge your time/resources to an action area, initiative

Digital Poverty Alliance preparing a National Delivery Plan

Support Action Area

Support
Be part of making things happen in an action area, initiative

Take action area or initiative as an active team member to make progress

Drive Action Area

Drive
Champion and drive an action area, initiative

Lead an action area or initiative

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