

Digital Skills Partnerships Monthly Report

REGION: Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay

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Limited activity due to annual leave.

Collaborations and potential partnerships

- Coursera – portal configured for 5,000 learners. Onboarding campaign launched across multiple channels. Landing page put together [here](#). Target learner usage is 500. Dashboard data:-



Emerging market opportunities

- National Retraining Scheme wave 2 – HotSW announced as 1 of 3 areas selected for NRS wave 2 - Opportunity is circa £1.3m+ skills investment. Twelve bootcamps have been proposed to the LEP Skills team covering the following key roles and skills; IT Technician, Digital Insights Professional; Software, Data Science and Digital, Cyber Security Professionals, Digital Marketing, Office 365, Digital Healthcare Innovation and digital skills, Welding Operative, Engineering & Construction Operative, Photonics, optics and Micro-Electronics. Scoring matrix produced and proposals will be evaluated week commencing 7/9
- Enterprise Nation and Amazon Small Business Accelerator
Several District Economic Development Officer and Growth Hub invited to national presentation. Good response and this is now with the LEP Management team to consider with the Growth Hub and for each District to take forward,
- Skills4Care funded by Dept. For Health and Social Care, working with NSHx embarking on a

discovery phase of how best to support care workers to work digitally from care in community right through to care leaders. Introduction chat and **outstanding** action for DSP to submit a mapping exercise of in region digital support; ESFA £2m Digital Healthcare care bid, Exeter University MSC Data Science for NHS staff etc

- ESF 'Digital Enablement for Small and Medium Enterprises (DESME) project to address the leadership and digital skills issues across construction sector' DSP is part of 3-way Consortia to deliver programme to 75 construction organisations and upto 100 cross -sector supply chain organisation. Expecting to hear over next 2 weeks – **response outstanding**

Current regional challenges

Surge of Skills activity and low level of resource in team.

DSP activity

- Bounce Back Digital – 30 of the most popular digital skills workshops ran to date will be re-run from the 21st of September to end of October.
- NESTA Career Ed-tech – as per last month project development continues have agreed partnerships with South Devon and Coursera. Content mapping and user research activity in hand. User onboarding process completed and midterm report submitted.
- Submitted the Digital Skills Partnership into the Tech South West Community Impact Award. Both hotSW DSP and CloS DSP are co-sponsoring the 'Best in Education' Award. Awards to be held in November.
- Working on procurement brief for Raising Digital Engagement project in readiness of green light, presently remains unsigned by Treasury.
- Working on Recovery Strategies at LEP, Devon Country Council and Exeter City council levels around Digital, Education and Opportunities

DSP board activity and developments

- Looking to review DSP membership terms, existing members resistant to step down but new organisations which to join. Drafting a paper outlining model used by South East LEP to next DSP meet.

LEP digital skills initiatives update

Asks of DCMS