



We made it easier for families to learn numeracy and digital skills

We know the benefits for families who learn together. Adults get a chance to brush up their skills – and can help their own children learn. In a fresh approach to reaching families, we worked with community networks, brought in digital technology and used blended learning.

We carried out six pilots with family numeracy providers in England and Wales to test our innovative new scheme. Each provider partnered with a community organisation – from the local library to a housing association – to get 150 adults and 150 children involved.

Getting the best of both worlds, and offering a flexible way to learn, participants worked on projects at home but were supported by face-to-face teaching to consolidate learning. This meant we reached more hard-to-engage learners, as well as testing a delivery model that could offer cost savings too.

Improving digital skills for families also delivers a double whammy. Not only do adults raise their game enough to help children develop digital skills, but they also add to their own skillset, giving them a better chance when looking for work or changing career.

That's why we developed resources that embed digital technologies into the family learning curriculum. We are now focusing on delivering more in-depth learning, from coding to entrepreneurial skills.



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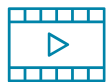


CASE STUDY

Working together at local level

As part of our continuing work with Local Enterprise Partnerships, we took a closer look at how LEPs and community learning providers could work together.

We made practical suggestions and highlighted the value of local learning, not just for economic gains but social ones too. And we helped community learning providers get the support they need with a website to share the latest thinking and practice.



Have a look at our family learning digital course resources
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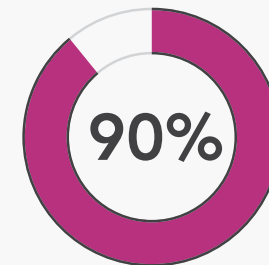
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In the UK:

10.5m

adults lack basic digital skills

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of jobs in the EU require
 basic computer skills