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DIGITAL CHALLENGE

Nottingham continues to play an active role in the DC10 Network. Accelerate Nottingham has been attending many meetings and events in its capacity as a Digital Challenge finalist and regional exemplar.

We are currently in discussions with local partners and other Digital Challenge finalists, on ways of working together to advance the digital inclusion agenda. The team will travel to Bristol at the end of the month to jointly host and share their experiences at an innovation seminar on Homeshoring – a key part of Nottingham's Digital Challenge bid.

We will continue to update you on the progress of the Network. You can find out more by visiting:

www.digitalchallenge.gov.uk/about

The Clever City

At the end of June, over 100 people attended the **Clever City** event at Broadway Media Centre. The event was hosted by Greater Nottingham Partnership and the audience heard from The Big Wheel and Connected Nottingham partner Cisco – who delivered a talk on technology's role in the future of our city.



Build your own website

Connected Nottingham is working with NDC and NCVS on an exciting project that enables local organisations* to have a new web site built for only £400. Professional designers will build your site using the latest content management software (CMS) – allowing you to update, add or edit content whenever you

wish. Full training and technical support is also available. Your site will also automatically be included in the Connected Nottingham portal – part of NDC's Connected Neighbourhoods project. Tailored web site packages are available – pricing on request. Discounted upgrades for existing CMS users also available.

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* Offer applicable to not-for-profit and voluntary organisations only and must have a combined budget of less than £50,000 for IT and marketing. Annual hosting charge of £100 for year one and £15 domain name charge every two years.

BECTA

Peter Goodwin, director of Accelerate Nottingham spoke to delegates from all over the East Midlands at the Nottingham Becta conference '**Delivering the future for learners: how you can harness technology**'. The event – one in a series of nine regionally, follows on from

the national conference. It acts as an opportunity to develop and support existing networks in the region to promote the harnessing technology agenda and deliver real system change for the benefit of learners. Peter Goodwin delivered the conference introduction and also spoke to the audience about Accelerate Nottingham's unique role.

www.becta.org.uk/harnessingtechnology

'Ere Be Dragons

Creative Nottingham company Active Ingredient is working on several ground-breaking national and international projects around innovative gaming. Collaborating closely with Nottingham University's Mixed Reality Lab, they are touring internationally with the project '**Ere Be Dragons**'. This mobile game merges art, health and new media and is entirely controlled by a player's heart rate. The objective is to encourage people to exercise more by exploring their external environment. This project



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is one example in the raft of innovative work continually being developed by the new media industry in Nottingham. The project has featured at prestigious conferences and festivals around the world, including Singapore and Berlin. It will travel to Tokyo in July and is due to tour to Bristol in September. <http://www.i-am-ai.net/erebedragons/>



Mobile technology trial for health staff

Nottingham health professionals have taken part in a successful three month mobile technology trial. The trial – using wireless broadband-enabled laptops were used to access and update patient records on the move. Results showed on average that

staff benefited from an additional 38 minutes per day, in addition to a reduction in travel times of 32%. Staff taking part in the trial included community matrons, paediatric physiotherapists and paediatric speech and language therapists – all of whom spend a lot of time working in the field. The trial was conducted by Nottingham's Health Informatics Service together with Dell.

IT diploma

Nottinghamshire Education Business Alliance (neba) is developing a new 'IT' Diploma that aims to stretch and engage a wide spectrum of students with highly relevant, business-oriented learning. The diploma will reflect the links between IT and business in today's world of work and will engage students through real world integration of technology in business. Students will explore the transformational potential of technology, learn how to deliver successful projects, create

technology solutions to meet business requirements, and develop their ability to work effectively in a professional business environment. Students with these diplomas will be able to help UK businesses succeed in highly competitive global markets in an e-enabled world.

For more information on the 'IT' Diploma, visit www.e-skills.com/diploma

WorkTech North

Connected Nottingham attended WorkTech North at the end of June. The forum was held at The Lowry, Salford Quays and focused on the future of work and the workplace as well as technology and innovation.

The event brought together leaders in their field from workplace futures, real estate and technology to look at the implications of convergence between the worlds of technology and real estate driven by the trends that will change the nature of how and where

work takes place.

For more information, visit: www.unwired.eu.com/worktechnorth.html

International IT in the Community Conference

Accelerate Nottingham joined a host of organisations including BT, Microsoft and UK Online to present at a two day technology in the community conference at Sunderland University in July.

The event, based around the theme 'IT in the Community' discussed current problems faced within communities and how IT can provide the necessary solutions. Ian Lockwood, Accelerate Nottingham's Project Development Manager gave delegates an overview of Nottingham's Digital Challenge bid at the event.

For more information, visit: <http://www.itevent.org/itcommunity/index.htm>

