





Community Champions Overview



The Community Champions Program is part of the WA Digital Inclusion Project.

The Champions Program:

-  Aims to uplift digital literacy across WA.
-  Is focused on reaching communities that are digitally excluded or marginalised.
-  Recruits community members to become Champions.
-  Trains Champions to deliver digital information sessions in their community.
-  Empowers Champions who are passionate about improving the digital skills of their friends, families and communities.

✓ **Champions will receive training and support from the Project Team to:**

- Develop their own digital literacy,
- Organise and run sessions with their communities on a range of digital topics.

✓ **Champions will also receive:**

- A device to borrow if they do not have one to run their sessions,
- A resource pack to support them to plan and organise sessions,
- All the resources needed to run a session with their community, including handouts and goodies for the people they share information with.

Community Champions receive gift cards* for their participation in the program. Gift cards will be given for:

- ✓ Attending and participating in a 2 ½ hour training session
- ✓ Organising and running Community Champions Sessions, including inviting their friends, families and communities to be a part of the conversation
- ✓ Organising a session for a financial counsellor to discuss finding an affordable internet or phone plan with your friends, family and communities
- ✓ Providing a small amount of catering at Sessions.

**Gift cards may be considered income, so please bear this in mind when considering your application and participation in the program.*

Access and Inclusion

The Community Champions Program is open to individuals who are experiencing or have experienced digital exclusion.

The WA Digital Inclusion Project is committed to creating safe and inclusive spaces, overcoming barriers to participation and welcomes applications from all people. If you require any support to engage in the program, please let the Project team know early, so this can be provided as early as possible.

Expressing your interest to be a Community Champion

Expressions of interest will be open until the program is complete.

We will have a conversation with you to discuss your passion for supporting your friends, family and communities, and check your confidence and skills to use a laptop at a basic level (i.e. turn it on, play a video, show a website, present a PowerPoint, send an email).

If you meet the program selection criteria and there are spaces available, you will be invited to attend a training session.

Please contact champions@wacoss.org.au with any questions regarding your expression of interest or the Champions Program.

Timeline:

Expressions of interest

Open for community members until the program ends.

Conversation with the project team

Those community members who express their interest will be invited to have a conversation about why they want to be a part of the program. Their skills to run a session will be discussed as part of this conversation.

Training

Community Champions will attend a WA Digital Inclusion Project facilitated training session where they will learn how to organise and deliver their own Community Champions Session for their friends, family and communities.

Community Champions will receive gift cards for attending this session. The gift card includes support for you to travel to/from your training session, and for a small amount of catering at your first Session.

Community Champion led session

Community Champions will invite friends, families and their communities who are experiencing digital exclusion to attend a Session.

Support to book a venue for your Session will be provided by the WA Digital Inclusion Project team.

After your session

Complete a form on the Community Champions project portal that includes letting us know topic/s you covered. Once this is received, the Project Team will organise a gift card for you that includes money for using your resources (phone, laptop), travel and catering for your next session.

You can host a maximum of one session per month, and up to 5 sessions on different topics.



If you would like to organise and run more sessions, reach out to the WA Digital Inclusion Project Team at champions@wacoss.org.au