

# Tackling Inequalities Fund – Phase 1

- Digital Access – some feedback collated from breakout rooms:
  - High risk groups still shielding will need this access as we go into winter
  - Can cause even more isolation for vulnerable people
  - Expensive to access and how to provide an equitable service
  - Skills audit of your organisation, who can use online platforms and support other team members
  - Lots of partners have built digital / online presence into their future plans for working irrespective of Covid-19 as this has enabled more reach
  - Where can we bulk buy and benefit from discounts

## Resources / Opportunities:

- ✓ Bristol Computer Reuse  
<https://www.bristolcomputerr reuse.org/>
- ✓ Digi Local  
<https://digilocal.org.uk/>

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- **Community Capacity and Time – collated feedback:**
  - Responsibility is huge for partners who are supporting vulnerable people
  - Communities have felt more connected and resilience is higher than expected
  - Time to navigate how to develop opportunities, what insurance do we need as an organisation to deliver these new ways of working
  - Stronger relationships with referral networks all working to support communities
  - There's a lot of cross over within our TIF partners that can be joined up to help share learning and lend expertise
  - Time to develop these tailored offers has taken longer than anticipated but it is very well received:  
“They loved the idea that somebody had thought about them beyond the basics”

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- **Mental Health Needs**

- Those who have been isolated seem to be more affected especially when they haven't had any access to activity
- Social contact was key in the height of lockdown, zoom didn't go far enough to create a connection
- Some partners have completed surveys of members highlighting decline in mental health
- Partners hadn't set out with the aim of supporting communities mental health needs but most have seen this or raised this as an outcome from their work. All have mentioned it is a key concern as we approach Autumn / Winter.
- Some staff don't feel confident to support the level of need participants were displaying