# BARNSLEY COUNCIL'S Community Digital Champion Programme

## WHAT IS IT?

The project aims to support Barnsley's third sector and community-based organisations to train up their own Digital Champions to support service users to develop the digital skills needed to access support, services, training or employment.

## INITIAL TRAINING

Join Barnsley Council's Digital Champions for an online session covering: how to identify people's barriers, ideas to overcome them, where to start with supporting a person's digital development and what resources are available.

### ORGANISATIONAL SUPPORT

The Digital Champions will work with your organisation to identify opportunities to embed digital skills into your current programme of support.



## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

The recent pandemic has highlighted the extent to which digital exclusion is still prevalent in Barnsley, exacerbating social isolation, presenting a barrier to accessing goods and services online, as well as employment opportunities and support.

### PERSONAL SUPPORT

You don't have to be a digital wizz to be a digital champion! Our digital champions can work with you to help develop your own digital skills, so you feel confident to help others.

#### HOW TO FIND OUT MORE

You can email a contact number to digitalchampions@barnsley.gov.uk They will ring and chat to you about the programme and how it could work for your organisation. Or ring 01226 773555 and request a call back from a Digital Champion.