# Digital inclusion and mental health AKA 'Keep taking the tablets!'

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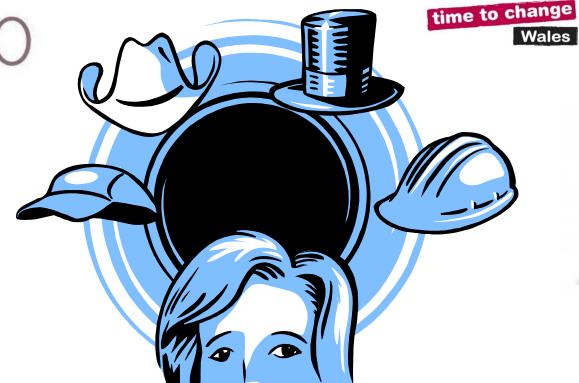
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## A little bit about us....



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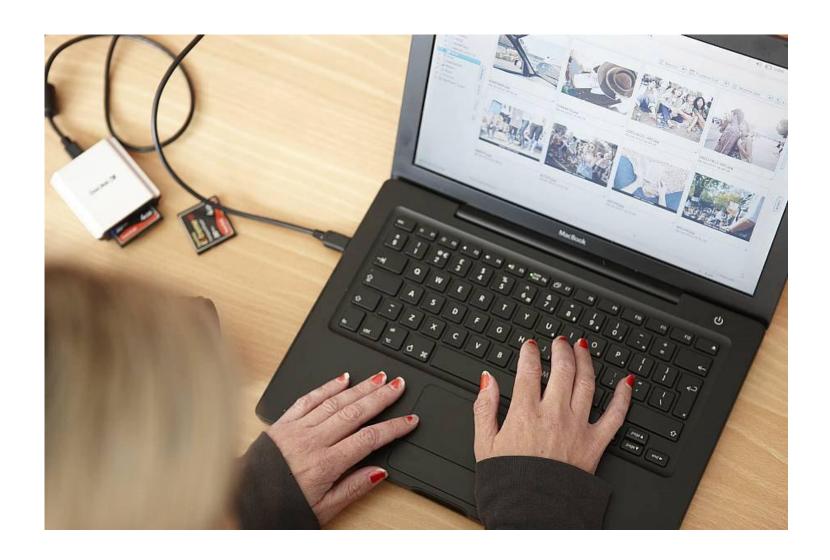


let's end mental health discrimination



## What about you?

How 'digitally included' are you?



Are you online?

Do you have an e-mail address?



Are you using a smartphone or tablet?



Are you using and uploading content to social media?

#### A bit of context...



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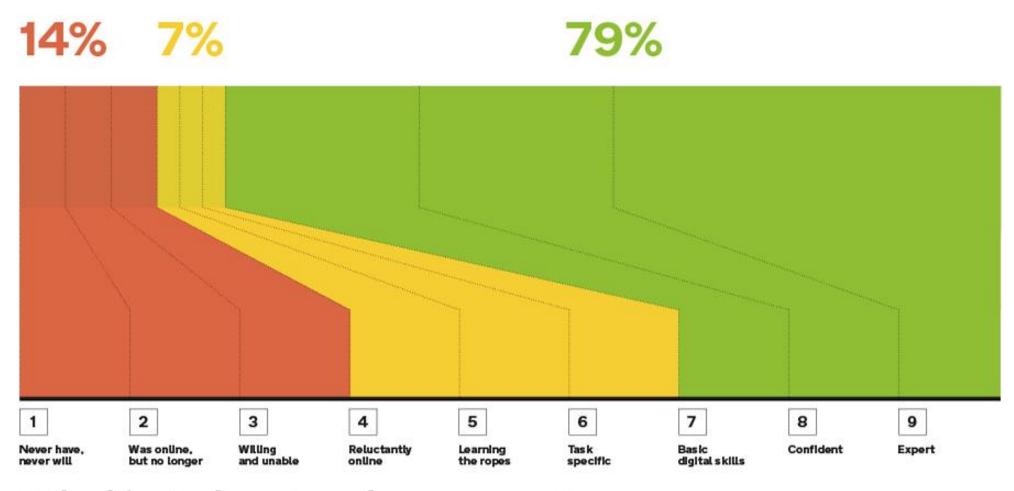
## What is digital inclusion?

Various definitions....but, essentially, it's:

"Helping people to do more with digital technologies, in ways that improve their lives"

## **UK** population

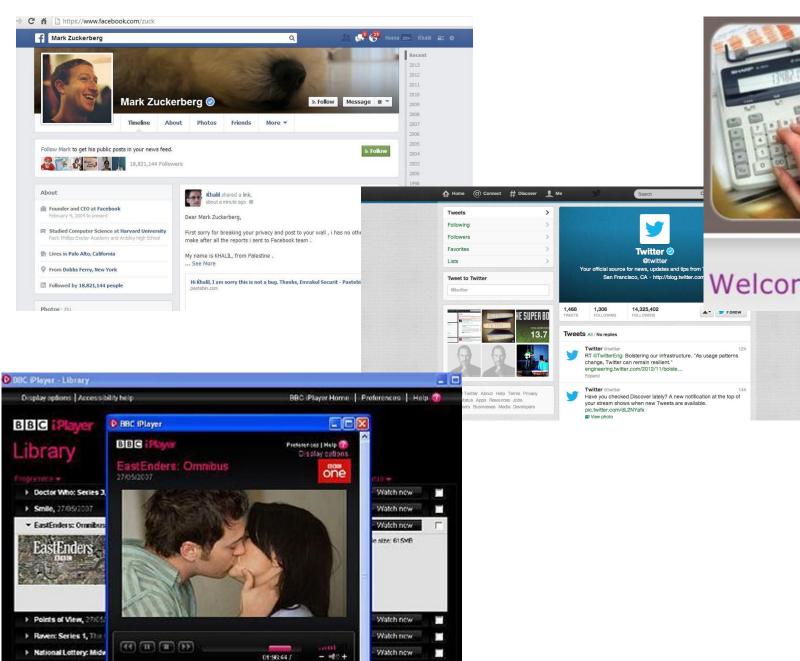
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## Digital inclusion scale

## Benefits of being online

- Communication
- Saving money
- Learning
- Making new friends
- Entertainment
- Information
- Accessing services





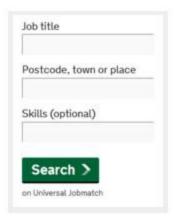
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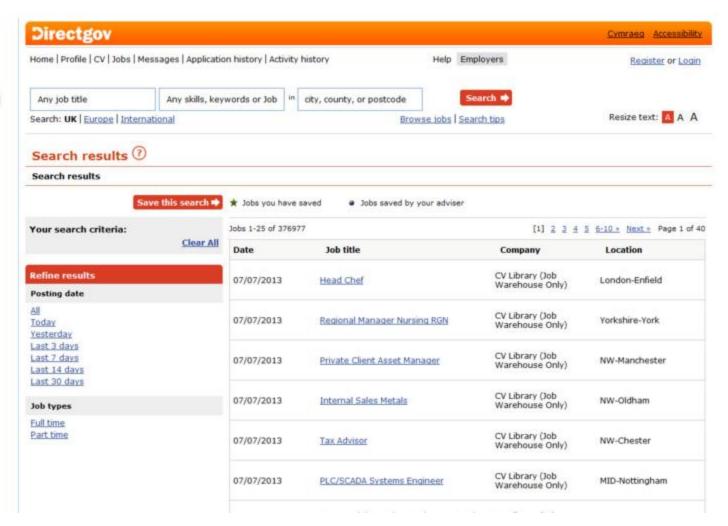


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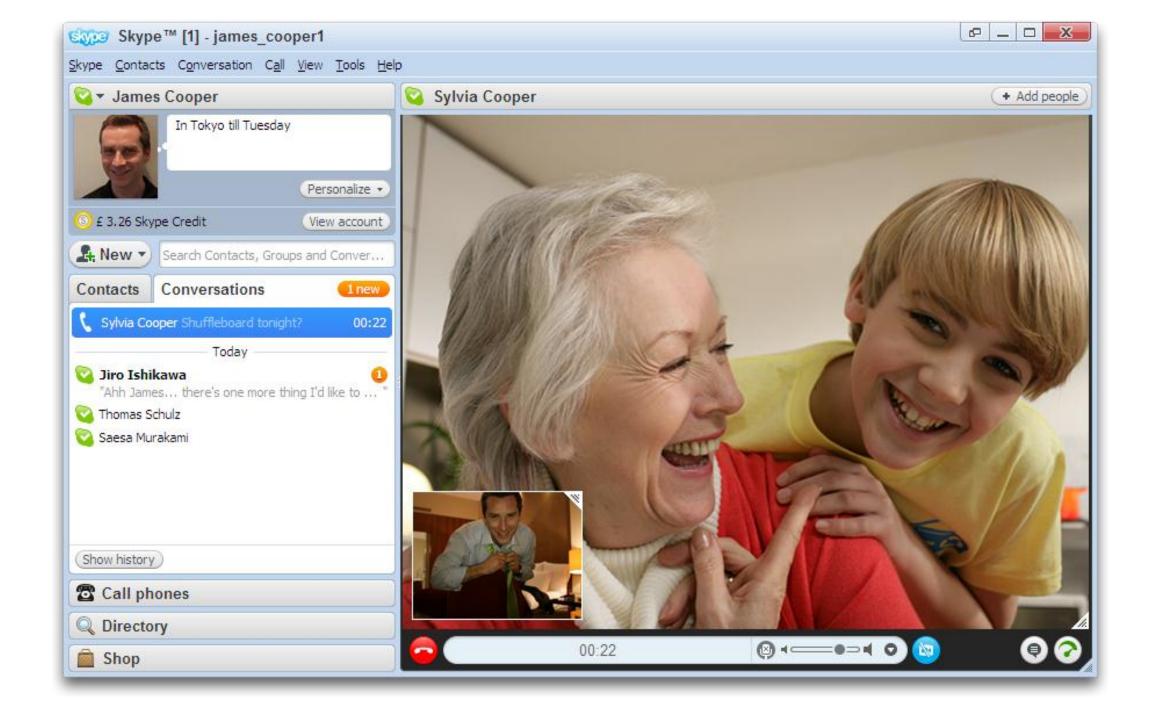






## Online with a mental health problem

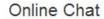
- Social networking (elefriends)
- Research (symptoms, medication)
- Services (New Horizons directory)
- Security
- Accessibility
- Affordability
- Online counselling?
- Mood journal
- 5 ways to wellbeing
- Enhancing existing interests





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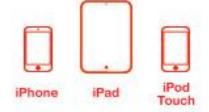
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The Ele's feeling inspired by Ellie's blog - "When it seems like everyone else in the world is seeing life through rose tinted glasses and I didn't get a pair, I get the brightest colours I can find and create my own visual utopia."

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The opportunity

Get involved

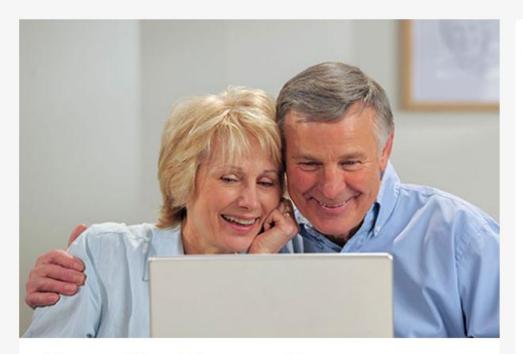
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#### Welfare Reform and getting online

- Universal credit currently rolling out (Wales due for 2015)
- Need a bank account and to be able to get online to claim UC
- Newport City Council have been part of a pilot to find out what support people may need throughout the change
- NCC pilot looked raising awareness of online services and providing support to help people get online
- Biggest barriers we found stopping people getting online:
  - Confidence
  - Lack of skills and not knowing where to get support
  - Not having access to equipment or broadband connection
  - English as a second language
  - Literacy barriers

# Voices of experience...

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Digital inclusion



What is digital inclusion and how is Communities 2.0 addressing it? Meet our team

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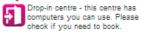


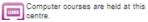


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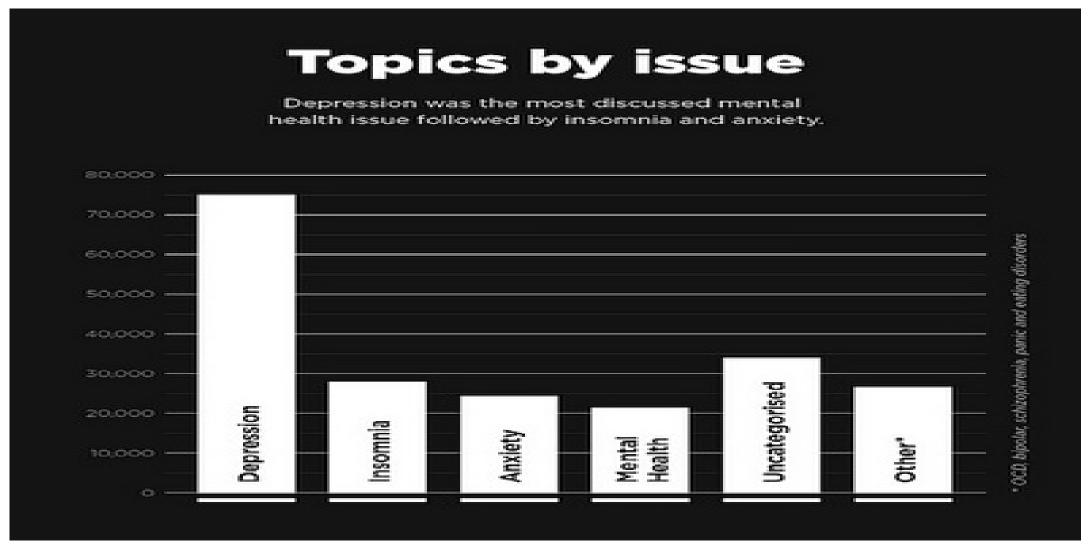
## Communities 2.0 support to Hafal in Aberaman, RCT

- Help needed to support people who were finding it difficult to retain information
- A fun activity, based on common interest, was delivered – digital photography
- Skills and interest grew from there e.g. finding images online, uploading photos to the computer, setting up an e-mail address, sharing images
- A member of the group grew in confidence so much, he started to look for work and volunteering opportunities
- Group supported to set up a blog site, so they can share their photos with a wider audience on a regular basis

## Communities 2.0 support to 'CAVS' and community mental health team in Carmarthenshire

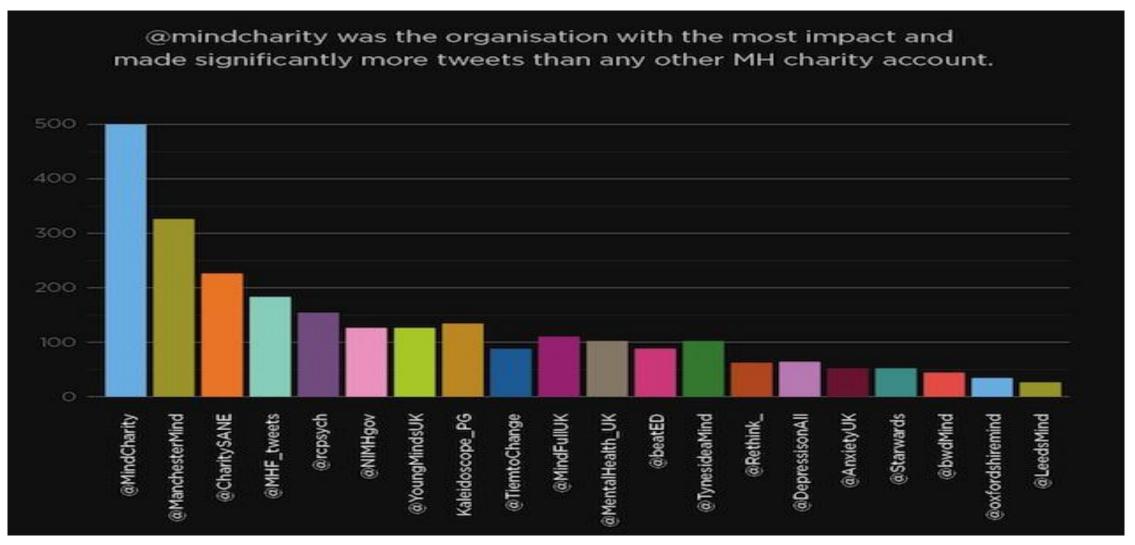
- Initiative set up, so outreach workers from Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services (CAVS) could work through other organisations to deliver computer classes in the community
- One of the groups came as a direct result of referrals from the community mental health team in the area
- Group members were supported to learn new skills, including e-mail, Skype, searching for jobs and using an iPad
- Members have experienced an increase in confidence and improved self-esteem

## What is in it for organisations?



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## 'Service user' becoming the expert through digital technologies?

#### Thank you for listening – any questions?

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