

Leeds Libraries: Supporting education and skills

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A personal introduction

- Role as an elected member
- Involvement with libraries and skills agendas
- My community



Leeds Libraries

- Role of libraries
- Unique (but universal) provider
- Advocacy



Digital

- Barriers – motivation, equipment and skills
- Digital Inclusion – connection with individual's circumstances, access to kit (iPads), provision of training
- A case study...



Next steps

- Digital Hubs
- Tech savvy staff as digital champions
- Creative digital and maker spaces



The impact of COVID-19

- Stark contrast between digitally included/excluded
- Basic skills
- Taking it further for employability

