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Dear Club/Organisation



The council has asked me to write to you to make you aware of some free training that is available to groups in the village, from Cosmic Peninsula Consortium. I attach a leaflet detailing the types of workshops/training sessions they can provide.

Connecting Devon and Somerset has a £1 million business and community support programme, 'Get up to Speed!' This programme has been designed to help bridge the digital divide between rural and urban businesses and communities, as well as encourage take up of the new faster broadband service as it rolls out across the counties.

The 'Get up to Speed' service is delivered by the Cosmic Peninsula Consortium, which brings together the expertise and experience of Cosmic and Peninsula Enterprise to deliver projects employing technology alongside innovation to support individuals, strengthen communities and grow businesses.

Cosmic Peninsula Consortium is offering to run a free workshop in the village for people who are interested in improving their technology skills. They can provide a day or part-day session in a village hall, community or parish venue. The sessions are aimed to stimulate interest in broadband technology and how it can help residents, communities and groups.

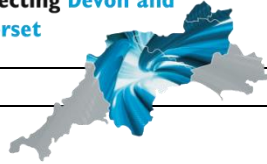
If you are interested in receiving any training please contact Paul Sullivan, Cosmic Peninsula Consortium, directly by 31st July 2014. He will then coordinate the responses from the various organisations in the village.

Kind regards

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Get up to SPEED

Get up to Speed Community Engagement Activities

Cosmic can provide a day or part-day session in a village hall, community or parish venue. These sessions are aimed to stimulate interest in broadband technology and how it can help residents, communities and groups.

Animation event series

The Gadget Show

Get to grips with the latest gadgets and gizmos such as the Apple iPad, Androids, laptops and smartphones. Explore all the possibilities and functions of handheld devices and have a play with them; discover how you can use these devices to their potential and which device suits you best.

Understanding Broadband

Choosing a broadband deal can be tricky; there are so many different tariffs and options it can be hard to decide what is really best for you. We will help you to understand broadband, what it is and how to pick the best deals for you.

The Connected Home

Having a connected home could dramatically change many aspects of our daily lives. It is a networked home to which multiple services are delivered over superfast broadband. These connected services range from entertainment to education, home automation and security to healthcare, interacting with government and controlling our energy use.

However, there are big issues to be resolved before it is made a reality. The connected home will have to be a single environment where all these services can be delivered but where consumers keep control of the network, their devices and data. Find out how to make your home connected and ways to keep control of the media you own on your devices.

The Connected Community

Find out how to make your community connected using broadband. We'll show you how to create a centralised connected community to help all residents easily communicate with each other regardless of their daytime location or ability to get out to meetings.

Learn how to set up and use a variety of vehicles such as websites, social media, e-mail, Facebook Groups, Google+, Flickr Groups, Dropbox, SkyDrive, Google Drive, shared calendars, Doodle scheduling and Google Forms for polls and surveys – to name but a few.

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Get up to SPEED

Inclusion and Growth

Explore IT series

A bite sized series of sessions that help new-to-IT users to learn a little more to use computers/tablets and the internet with our Explore IT programme

The **Explore IT** series has been developed by Cosmic to lead IT novices to learn the skills through the power of their own interests and hobbies.

Cook IT – use the internet to find and share recipes, cooking tips and everything you need to know to be the next Jamie Oliver

Cure IT – using the internet to find out everything you need to know about conditions and find support groups and forums related to your health conditions

Grow IT – Use the internet to find our growing and garden planning tips and ideas for the best garden in your area. Find forums and groups to support your passions for gardening

Sew IT – Find everything you need for your next craft project including patterns, tips and best new ideas.

Slurp IT – find wine guides, ways to buy wine and forums and sites to help you increase your knowledge and wine skills.

Trace IT – learn to trace your ancestors online and find out everything you need to know to be the next Tony Robinson.

Read IT – find out the best places for book reviews, recommendations and online book clubs.

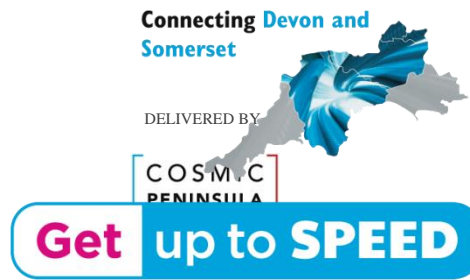
Picture IT – learn to use your digital camera, take good shots and edit your photos online.

Talk to IT – find out how to make free calls to overseas friends and relatives and ways to use video calls to make the call even more memorable.

Send IT – learn to create, send and set up email. Save attachments and creating folders and how to make your computer virus free.

Get IT – Understand a broad spectrum of computer usage; learn all about computers and more with a 'hands on' approach.

We will help you get to grips with a wide variety of skills and functions and lend you a helping hand in the computing world.



Claim IT – find out ways to check your online benefits, bills and local and national government services.

BuyIT – learn how to buy safely online and best sites for deals, sales and group purchasing.

SellIT – find out how to sell online and top tips for selling safely with maximum protection.

Social Media series

Introduction to Social Media Learn about social media and what it can do for you, your organisation. A hands-on course covers the main platforms including Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, Blogging and LinkedIn.

Facebook

We'll run through profiles, groups and pages, highlight the differences and show you how to set up Pages and groups. We'll help you to understand Facebook Advertising, Check-in and other related applications that can help you engage customers.

Get to grips with Twitter Set up and be proficient on Twitter within a session. Learn how to tweet, tips to following Twitter, the importance of Bios, Hash tags and profile.

Blogging and YouTube

Get up and blogging in the session, find out how blogs can improve your search engine visibility and learn how YouTube can impact on your organisation.

Social Media Clinics

Come along and review your learning in social media and get quick tips to improve your social media presence.

Multi media series

Taking good photographs

Learn what makes a good photo, what settings to used on your camera and when to take good shots. Learn shooting tips, subject lighting tips and ways to manipulate images after shooting.

The future is video

Learn to create concepts, record and edit video for the web.

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Get up to **SPEED**

IT software training series

Learn basic, intermediate or advanced software skills in the most common environments
Windows 7, Office 2007, Word, Excel, Publisher

For more details or to book Cosmic to attend your community, email info@get-up-to-speed.co.uk.