

MORLEY COLLEGE LONDON: LSIF COMMUNITY DIGITAL HUB

[Morley College London](#) has actively participated throughout the London LSIP process, and through this saw an opportunity to provide the local community with access to essential digital technology as a means of tackling digital poverty, directly addressing the LSIP's drive for improved digital skills across London.

Morley's primary objective is to establish a physical 'community digital hub' for learners in the area around Stockwell, South West London. The hub is designed to promote and support the improvement of digital literacy and transferable skills amongst disadvantaged groups in the area, and to provide progression opportunities for English Speakers of Other Language (ESOL) students to start a journey in the digital sector. The hub will formally launch on 4th July 2024.

Prompted by the LSIP's priorities, Morley College London has repurposed space at its Stockwell Centre, and sourced new digital equipment for use on site. Provision within the space is being developed in collaboration with stakeholders including Mosaic Club House, who work with those who have experience of mental health issues, Jubilee Children's Centre, who enable those with young families to access digital skills, and local South American communities, to support those learning ESOL to obtain basic digital skills.

The digital hub is now ready to launch, with local community members having access to drop-in sessions and new digital classes. The digital hub has so far enabled 58 students to study 'Introduction to IT', 29 students to study 'Digital Skills for Work', and 34 students to study 'ICT for Personal Finances'. Further courses are planned, including an Award in Occupational Studies for the Workplace, Using Basic Spreadsheets for Personal Finance, and Introduction to Digital Photography.