

Community Foundation Techies in Residence 2020

Techies in Residence is aligned to the Foundation's Strategic Priority of Building Sustainable Communities.



Building Sustainable Communities

“Local community organisations have untapped potential to bring peace and social justice, that could be unlocked by access to more resources, new approaches, relationships, skills and technologies. We are working towards a stronger, sustainable, resilient community sector equipped to face today's challenges by unlocking resources and skills, piloting innovative approaches, developing partnerships and encouraging entrepreneurial mindsets.



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Techies in Residence 2020

The Techies in Residence programme is aimed at supporting VCSE organisations to explore digital innovation solutions to challenges they are trying to address.



By bringing together VCSE organisations and technology partners, through the Techies in Residence programme, they will develop new digital solutions that are for the benefit of people and communities in Northern Ireland

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Since 2015 Techies in Residence has...

Supported 25 VCSE organisations and 20 technology developers to build prototype digital products together to address a specific challenge

Supported further development and launch of 14 products for the benefit of service users through our Seed Fund

Worked with organisations large and small and across diverse themes and places

Built participants' knowledge and capacity of digital technology and innovation methods

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Techies in Residence is

- An application for a place on a programme that will lead to matching a VCSE with a technology partner
- An opportunity to design, develop and test a new digital product, platform and or service, that puts the service user at the centre
- An 'open innovation' programme – products shared with VCSE sector for wider social impact

Techies in Residence is not:

- An application for grant support. (Participants are eligible to apply for a Seed fund award)
- A programme to support development of digital content /media or digital marketing

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Past projects



NOW Group's JAM Card mobile app

Smooths access to services for people with learning difficulties/disabilities

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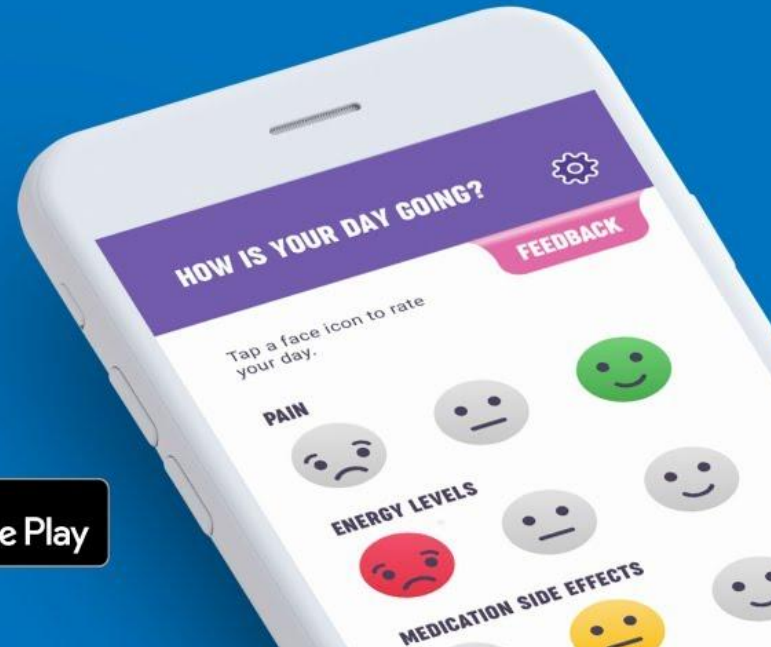


ARTHRITIS TRACKER

An app for teens and young adults

Rate your day in seconds and see a summary of your pain, energy levels, activity, sleep and more.

VERSUS
ARTHRITIS



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The World Around Us – Virtual Reality Town Square



Enables people with learning disabilities and social anxiety to experience virtual real world locations such as health centres, libraries and polling stations to help prepare for the real thing

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I've been
asked to pay
fees before
I've even seen
a house.
Is that right?

Housing Rights

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JOURNEY | CHECKLISTS | TOOLS | USER



Simple, friendly housing advice for
private renters in Northern Ireland

I need help with ...



Where are you on your rental journey?



STARTING OUT

You're looking for a new
home, or you've just moved
into your rented home



CURRENTLY RENTING

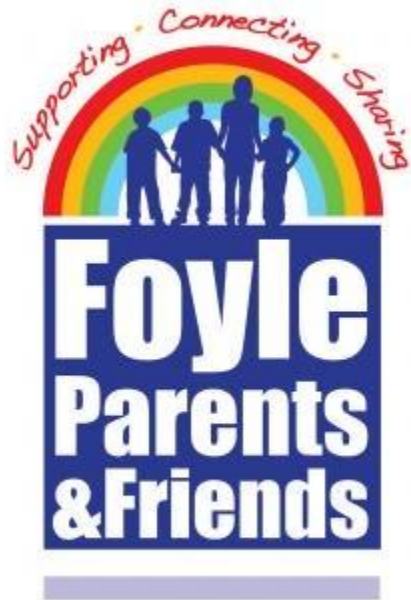
You've been living in your
rented home for a while



MOVING OUT

You're getting ready to move
out of your rented home

AWOL – Access Whatever Online



assists users with restricted abilities / impairments (physical or social), to independently explore urban spaces - initially Derry's walls

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The Techies in Residence Programme:

Residential

Explore with your Techie, different possible tech solutions to your identified challenge and centre your final idea on the experience and insight of the end-user.

Design

12 week residency

Work closely with your techie to produce a working prototype of your product, platform or service and avail of expert mentoring, guidance and advice on project design, development and testing of your idea.

Develop

Seed fund & showcasing event

Share your achievements with one another and pitch for a Seed Fund award to undertake further development and scaling of your product, platform or service.

Test