



Community Co-Creation Toolkit

BUILDING INCLUSIVE DIGITAL FUTURES THROUGH COMMUNITY-LED ASSESSMENTS

ISSUE

Washington State faces digital inequities, including:

- insufficient broadband access
- limited devices
- lack of essential digital skills



Geographic Disparities

Limited broadband access in rural and remote areas.



Socioeconomic Barriers

Affordability issues for low-income communities.



Cultural & Linguistic Exclusion

Challenges for non-English speaking and diverse communities.

OBJECTIVES

Data Sovereignty

Promoting digital sovereignty to empower communities with control over their digital narratives.

Community Representation

Prioritizing community representation to authentically capture diverse digital experiences.

Non-Extractive

Aiming for non-exploitative practices to honor and protect community voices and data.

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THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROJECT IS

- To support writing policy, request funding, and create programs that provide the kind of support wanted, and make those programs more accessible, culturally appropriate, and diverse.
- To make a proof of concept that shows community-co-creation is the approach that produces actionable data that will allow for resources to be used for the greatest impact on those we serve.

WE TAKE TRUST SERIOUSLY

- We want community members who put their trust in this process to know their identity is protected and understand how their data can and cannot be used.

INTERESTED? HERE ARE A FEW OPTIONS WE CAN DO TOGETHER

MEET OUR TEAM

- You or your organization may wish to work with Joyce or staff from Inclusive Data (our partner).
- You may wish to work with someone who shares your own lived experience, too.

TRAIN WITH US

- You or your organization may wish to learn how to do new activities with your community.
- Take part in activities that make sense and feel comfortable by hiring or training the right people for your community.



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CO-CREATION
TOOLKIT

Co-Creation Toolkit Possible Activities

Further Study &
Community Building



KEY TAKEAWAYS

Community Compensation for their Lived Experience

Community members will be compensated for their time and expertise. Compensation runs from \$25-\$200 depending on the type and length of the activity.



- When written materials need translating or other work will be done by community members, we plan to subcontract those community members to pay them for that work so the translation and activities are truly local to the community.
- If co-creation activities are happening at an event, there is funding for food, transportation, and childcare in addition to compensation for community members' expertise.

What Are (Some) Types of Stories We Are Curious About So Far?

- Do you have access to faster broadband internet?
- Do you have any internet devices? If so, do they suit your needs?
- How does the internet (or skills) affect your ability to meet your goals?
- Who do you trust to help you with technology and skills?
- Do you feel safe and confident navigating the digital world?
- What aren't we already asking but is important to your experience and quality of life?
- We are looking to tell a holistic story of how the digital world impacts quality of life and what solutions are developed in community to support one another where inequities exist.

CAN YOU SHARE YOUR STORY?

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KEY DATES

- **March 2024:** Engagement activities with partners
- **April 2024:** Refining the toolkit
- **May 2024:** Finalize the first iteration and start testing the toolkit
- **June 2024:** Start working on the next phase

PARTNERING COULD MEAN

-  Continuous community outreach
-  Routine joint outreach events
-  Connect with more partners
-  Regular updates as desired

NEXT STEPS

Spread the word to potential co-creators.

Co-organize community events.



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