

DELN

Digital Equity Learning Network of Seattle and King County

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What is DELN?



The DELN is a collaboration of community based organizations, public/private institutions, and individuals invested in digital equity in our region.

We provide opportunities to connect our local digital equity community to:

- share resources
- create partnerships
- gain knowledge of best practices
- Increase awareness and support for community efforts

DELN Coalition



Regional coalition building is part of Internet for All

Internet for All Action Plan Strategies

Approach to develop Action Plan Strategies



Increase awareness and adoption of lowcost internet programs and devices.



Expand no or low-cost connectivity options in targeted areas of the City.



Partner with organizations to deliver culturally relevant digital inclusion programs.



Pursue private sector and philanthropic funding.



Champion legislation/policies to advance universal internet access and adoption.



Strengthen regional collaboration.



Advocate to ensure Internet Service Provider offerings meet residents' needs.



Examine new technologies to ensure best-in-class internet infrastructure and consumer choices.

Who is DELN?



- Wider digital equity organizations are members (162 members on listserv)
- Average of 50 community members at each meeting
- [Literacy Source](#) funded by City of Seattle to coordinate coalition activities
- 15-member steering committee



DELN Organization



- City of Seattle IT supported the founding of DELN in 2017 and provided ongoing backbone support
- City of Seattle IT funded Literacy Source in 2021-22 to provide coalition coordination
- Steering committee + membership
- Informal coalition

Steering Committee and other participants



- CBOs
 - Literacy Source, Helping Link, Goodwill, Equity in Education Coalition, Lake City Senior Center/Sound Generations, Computing for All, Cyber Seniors
- Community Members
- Government/Libraries
 - City of Seattle, KCPL, Seattle Public Library, SHA, State Broadband Office
- Telecoms and Companies
- Education
 - Seattle Public School, UW, Seattle Colleges
- Research
 - Inclusive Data Solutions/Black Brilliance Project, UW I-School

What is Digital Equity/Digital Inclusion for DELN?

DIGITAL INCLUSION

The activities necessary to ensure that all individuals and communities, including the most disadvantaged, have access to and use of information and communication technologies. This includes:

- Affordable, robust broadband internet service;
- Internet-enabled devices that meet the needs of the user;
- Access to digital literacy training;
- Quality technical support; and
- Applications and online content designed to enable and encourage self-sufficiency, participation, and collaboration.

(definition from [NDIA](#))

What does DELN currently do?



Holds bi-monthly community gatherings

Upcoming dates: May, July, Sept, Nov

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Moderate a Listserve

Steering committee purpose

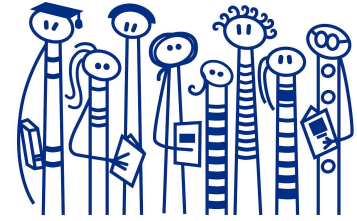
- Plan community meetings
- Advocate for support for digital equity regionally
- Increase provider networking
- Increase knowledge and resources about digital equity

DELN accomplishments 2021-2022



- Leveraged City backbone support
 - Literacy Source asked for coalition support from King County (funded for DELN work and to buy student Chromebooks)
- Coordinated regional advocacy for HB 1723
- Coordinated bi-monthly networking meetings averaging 50 attendees
- Developing a regional digital equity asset list

DELN and Literacy Source



Literacy Source

Education, Equity, and Opportunity For All

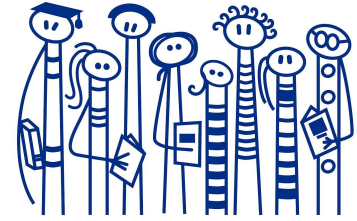
About Literacy Source

- Started in 1986, community based learning center for Seattle and King County; 23 full/part-time staff
- Offer free classes and tutoring to adults
 - ABE, ESOL, Citizenship, Work Skills, GED-Prep & Digital Literacy
- Serve 1,000 students a year, 17 classes at center and 5 off-site classes/programs
- 95% students are refugee or immigrant status
- 250 volunteers of which approx. 70 are tutors
- City-funded programs include Ready to Work (ORIA), Citizenship (ORIA) and Digital Skills (TMF)

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Literacy Source

- Participating in DELN since 2017
- Presented at DELN on switch to remote learning in August 2020
- 2021 contracted to provide coordination support



Literacy Source

Education, Equity, and Opportunity For All

Case Study: What has Literacy Source gained through DELN?

- Networking and best practices for staff development
- Updates/training on digital equity initiative, particularly ACP
- Information and support around digital equity advocacy, particularly HB 1723



Literacy Source

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How can you support DELN?



- Participate in bi-monthly gatherings
- Please join our listserv and participate in our community
- Google Form for membership and listserv:
 - <https://forms.gle/x392Nz6UF5SKpi2n9>
- Partner with DELN to advocate for more resources for digital equity

Who should DELN be partnering with? How can we collaborate?

What questions do you have?

