# Tackling Data Poverty





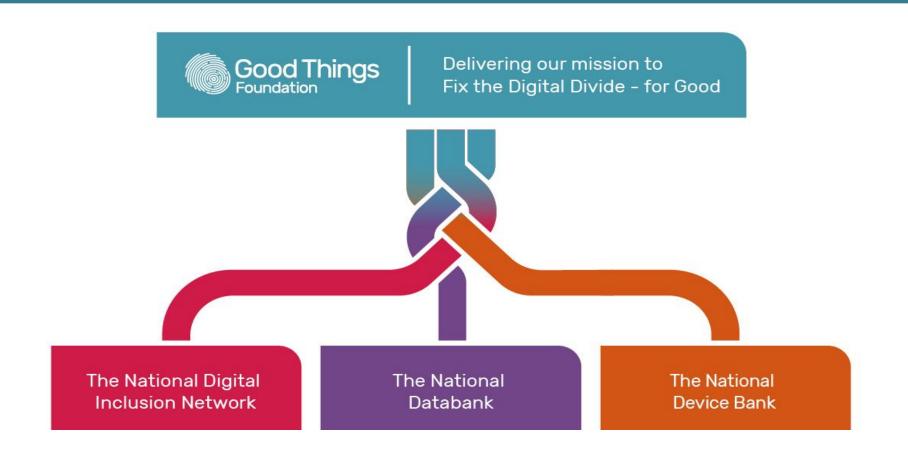
### **Introducing Good Things Foundation**



- UK's leading Digital Inclusion Charity
- Partner with Government, private sector and philanthropy
- Campaign for digital inclusion
- Community organisations are key to our work

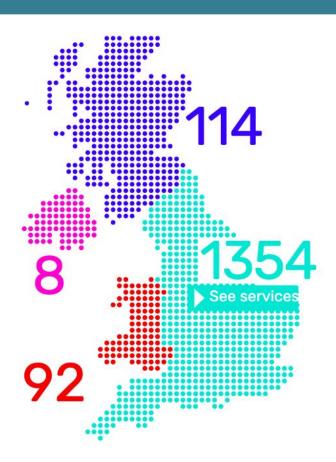


#### Our vision is a world where everyone benefits from digital.



#### Benefits of joining the National Digital Inclusion Network

- Free to join
- Training, meet-ups and networking
- The National Databank
- The National Device Bank
- Free resources and learning platforms



#### **Data Poverty**

- The internet is essential.
- Pandemic highlighted the issue of data poverty.
- We launched the Data Poverty Lab in 2021
  - Research
  - Advocacy
  - The National Databank
- Cost of living crisis has deepened the digital divide.

8 million households struggle to afford connectivity (Ofcom 2021)

#### **Periodic Table of Internet Elements**



#### **National Databank**

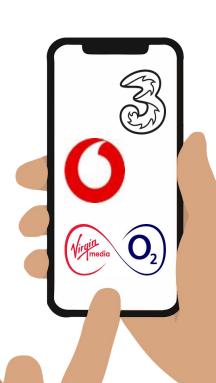
#### Start distributing free mobile data to those in need!

- Telecoms companies donate
- Good Things dispense
- Community organisations distribute

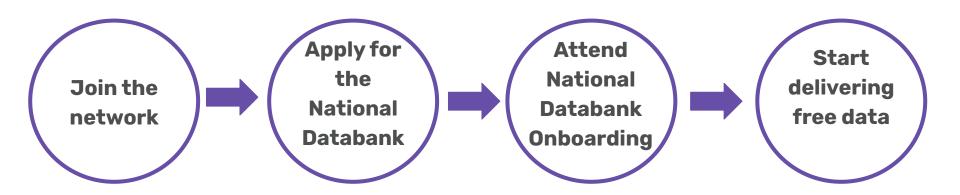
"It's a lifeline"



Databank hubs in the UK



#### National Databank - How to Apply



- Contact the team at: hello@goodthingsfoundation.org
- Apply via an <u>Online form</u>



#### Supporting people with data connectivity

Co-produced guide to affordable internet

Identifying the right solution

Understanding data usage

More affordable options:
Pay as you go
Social tariffs



#### The National Device Bank

## Reducing e-waste and tackling digital exclusion

- 1. Companies donate their used kit
- 2. Reconome refurbish devices
- Good Things distribute refurbished devices to organisations
- 4. Hubs gift devices to people who need them



#### **Learn My Way**







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@LordsCommsCom has launched their inquiry on digital exclusion

The report draws on the evidence we submitted earlier this year, recognising the Government's current digital inclusion strategy is not enough.

Our main asks are the Committee's key recommendations 🦴 [1/4]

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The Committee recommends a new digital inclusion strategy should focus on:

- Urgent action to help with the cost-of-living crisis, such as cutting VAT on social tariffs.
- Boost the support available for community based digital inclusion hubs.

- Investment in basic digital skills, recognising community organisations are key to achieving this.
- 4. Make public sector organisations donate old devices for digital inclusion, and encourage businesses to do the same.



Lords Communications and Digital Committee @ @LordsCommsCom

♥ We've published our report on Digital Exclusion:

X Millions across all age groups do not have basic digital skills or adequate internet access

🧟 Government has no credible plan to solve this. It must act now.

Read the report here: ukparliament.shorthandstories.com/digital-exclus

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