

Internet for everyone

# Free broadband for communities in need



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## INTERNET FOR EVERYONE

Here at 6G, we believe that anyone should be able to enjoy the social, educational, financial, recreational and health benefits offered by the internet, regardless of their background or circumstances.

That's why we are donating 20% of our network to help local authorities, schools and charities permanently connect people who are missing out on this vital utility.

## PROPOSE A DIGITAL INCLUSION PROJECT FOR SUPPORT WORTH UP TO £10,000

We want to hear how we can help your community to become more digitally inclusive.

Whether it's providing homes with free internet so children can do homework or connecting a community centre to help the older generation get online, tell us your ideas.

We will select the most promising and creative suggestions and make them happen, with a commitment on our part of up to £10,000 worth of equipment, connections and labour.

We are happy to work in partnership with other projects, charities or community groups.

For us, the most important thing is that we're helping the people who are most in need.

Learn how to apply at the end of this booklet.



\*The "6G Internet for Everyone" & "Always On" is only available through the 6G Digital Social Inclusion scheme.

# Why are we doing this?

In an increasingly digital world, it's absolutely vital for everybody to be able to take advantage of the many benefits offered by the internet. Unfortunately, there are still significant barriers to some people getting online at home – even here in the UK.

According to Ofcom's 2018 Adults' Media Use and Attitudes Report, the proportion of adults in the socio-economic groups D and E who do not go online is almost double the UK average (22% vs. 12%).

The Office of National Statistics has found that in 2018, 12% of those aged between 11 and 18 years (700,000) reported having no internet access at home from a computer or tablet, while a further 60,000 reported having no home internet access at all. Of those in this age group, 68% who did have home internet access reported that they would find it difficult to complete school work without it, suggesting that there may be educational implications for those without internet access.

We want to help change this. Through our Internet for Everyone project, our goal is to ensure that those who need help can access the internet at no monthly charge.

## WHAT ARE WE OFFERING?

Our free basic internet can be used to connect anything from community centres to family homes, with features that include:



**PERMANENT  
INTERNET ACCESS**

Premises are provided with permanent access to free internet with no credit check, contract or monthly fees.



**UNLIMITED ACCESS  
TO GOVERNMENT  
WEBSITES**

Council and government services such as benefits, tax credits and employment support are all exempt from the data allowance, meaning users can always get the support they need.



**GENEROUS  
DATA ALLOWANCE**

Our free broadband comes with a generous data allowance of 1 GB per day for domestic users, which customers can use to access all the positive features of being online.



**ABSOLUTELY NO BILLS**

The 6G connected property can change hands with no bills to calculate, negotiate or pursue - the free internet is simply available to the next user to use as they see fit.



**UPGRADE ANYTIME**

The free broadband can also be upgraded with a voucher on a 'pay as you go' basis, allowing customers to buy unlimited broadband up to 100 Mbps whenever they want, for as long as they need.

# How we can help digitally excluded families

## Free broadband for school children

Money can often be tight, but that shouldn't mean school children can't complete their work at home. We will work with teachers to identify children that could benefit from home internet access and, with the parents' consent, provide free connectivity. This could include children on free school meals or others identified as being in need. We will also work with other local partners to provide free computers and tablets wherever possible - after all connectivity without a device is only part of the answer.

## Connecting charities and community centres

In Blackburn, we have already partnered with CVS and Blackburn Rovers Community Trust to supply equipment, internet connections, training and support to help users of two different community centres to get online. This includes ensuring connectivity throughout the buildings to allow more groups to make the most of the internet in different rooms at the same time.

## Connecting social housing

We are happy to work with social landlords to create digitally-enabled social housing, so that current and future tenants can access the internet with no need for a contract, credit check or penalty fees.

## TELL US ABOUT YOUR DIGITAL INCLUSION PROJECT

If you have a project that you think could benefit from our support, contact us now using the details below.

If we think your proposal is strong enough, we might make it happen.

Want to see how we could work together?

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