



Bolton Digital Lending Library



A guide for organisations

What is it?

The Bolton lending library was set up by the Digital Employment and Skills team with Bolton Library and Museum Services and enables individuals to borrow a digital device via an organisation they work with closely. We currently have 50 Chromebooks and 50 Tablets, all 4G enabled, available to borrow. We also have 25 Wi-Fi only laptops available to borrow to support onsite activity.

Who is it for?

The service is intended to benefit those who don't already have access to a digital device and/or internet connectivity. Most devices can be taken home by your clients/service users with the exception of the Windows Wi-Fi only laptops.

How does it work?

Your organisation should first apply for a digital lending library membership. You will receive a library membership number which must be quoted for each subsequent loan. Each loan must be applied for using a web form - a link will be sent to you.

What kind of loans are available?

We are able to loan to individuals and will arrange appointments in one of our libraries to onboard and give basic guidance in using the device. We can also lend sets of devices direct to your organisation to support group work or longer-term projects.

How long can the devices be kept for?

The loan period for an individual loan is 2 months with a view to extending if necessary. Loan periods for project loans will vary depending on demand.

What support will we receive?

We can arrange a Teams call to explain the lending library further and can provide phone support if you need help to set devices up once they are with your organisation.

How do I find out more?
Email DES@bolton.gov.uk

