

Digital Champions for Kinross-shire

'I don't do Zoom!'

Since Lockdown in March, it's become increasingly apparent that there is a digital divide between those who are and are not comfortable with computers, emails, 'Zoom', Facebook and the internet in general. (I remember reading a Ladybird book all about Communications when I was very young, marveling at the idea that we might one day be able to **see** someone on the telephone!) I am acutely aware that all this still feels a step too far for a proportion of our own congregation.

Back in the distant 1990s, I worked for a little while on a computer helpdesk, helping Rover engineers with issues ranging from email to 'the production line has stopped!' I recently became aware that our local Council is setting up a Digital Champions scheme for people who would like to become more connected digitally but really don't know where to begin. I've volunteered to undertake some kind of training in the coming weeks to become a Champion.

I'd be happy to share more widely whatever I learn about helping folk become more virtually connected. Please get in contact with me (frdavidkinross@gmail.com) and I'll either try and help or point you in the right direction to someone else who might be able to assist. Below is a link to the Perth & Kinross Council website if you would like to become a Digital Champion volunteer too. [Details were posted pre-Covid19].

<https://www.culturepk.org.uk/volunteer/>