Free Laptops & Computers For UK Charities

- 1. <u>IT for Charities</u> list of charities/companies that dispose of and/or provide refurbished IT, not all free.
- 2. Computers for Charities charity providing low cost IT
- 3. <u>ComputerAid</u> very low cost refurbished IT for non-profits.
- 4. <u>IT Schools Africa</u> e-learning technology to improve life opportunities for school students and local communities in Kenya, Malawi, Zimbabwe and Zambia.
- 5. <u>Screen Share</u> support, inform and advocate for digital inclusion for young refugees, in the UK, primarily by repurposing and providing laptops.
- 6. <u>Computers For The Disabled</u> a charity that provides disabled people and the elderly with used laptops, iPads and iPhones.

IT TECHNOLOGY GRANT FUNDING

There are a number of charitable foundations that make IT technology grant funding available for tech 4 good and projects and equipment, such as laptops.

Access Foundation - Tech Grant Funding For The Disadvantaged & Vulnerable

They offer grants of between £20k to £100K to UK charities and social enterprises focused on changing people's lives by helping them bridge the digital divide. They want to enable vulnerable and disadvantaged people to get access to the education, facilities and resources they need to engage with the digital world and open up the opportunities for better employment, mental health and reduced isolation which that brings.

If your organisation is trying to help in this way, they'd be delighted to receive an application. They are particularly interested in areas, which feature highly on the deprivation index, but are also organisations which aim to bridge the digital divide for people disadvantaged in other ways (such as mental or physical disability).

They fund discrete projects or activities where the beneficial impact can be measured in clear quantitative and qualitative terms. There is further information and an on-line application on their <u>website</u>.

Grant Funding for Charity Laptops & Other Tech

1. <u>Bailey Gifford</u> - grassroots community organisations across Scotland. Funds a variety of activities, including IT and tech.

- 2. <u>Bethnall Green Ventures</u> funding accelerator twice a year that gives out monetary support, mainly to start-ups, using tech to drive social and environmental change.
- 3. <u>Clothworkers Foundation</u> will fund IT, including digital/audio visual equipment.
- 4. Comic Relief Tech for good.
- 5. <u>DCMS</u> occasional tech for good grants and support for charities.
- 6. <u>Eddie and Vanessa George Memorial Fund</u> grants for IT training for people in Cornwall.
- 7. <u>Family Fund</u> computers and tablets for disabled people and their families.
- 8. Fat Beehive Foundation grants relating to the use of Information Technology.
- 9. <u>Misys Charitable Foundation</u> public education in communications and IT, and their application in commerce.
- 10. <u>Nesta</u> large-scale innovation for challenges such as healthcare, public services and infrastructure.
- 11. Rothley Trust with charitable work in NE England.
- 12. Social Tech Trust previously Nominate, transforming lives with technology.
- 13. Thomas Wall Trust up £5,000 towards specific projects or core activities that support literacy, numeracy, digital and additional skills for learning likely to assist employment prospects. Registered charities, with income under £0.5m pa.
- 14. WCIT Home WCIT Charity

Offers up to £15,000 for IT projects in education, inclusion, and accessibility

- 15. W G Edwards Charitable Foundation registered charities providing care for older people in the UK.
- 16. Zing investment, connections and access to technology expertise to early stage youth impact organisations.
- 17. Allen Lane Foundation small grants for start-up, core or project costs.
- 18. <u>Comic Relief</u> £500 capacity building grants for small grass roots community groups, with income under £250k.
- 19. Greggs Foundation | Community funding
- 20. IT4Charity Home IT4Charity

Global Sources Of IT Support & Grant Funding

- 1. <u>Google.org Impact Challenge</u> asks local nonprofit innovators and social entrepreneurs how they would make their community—and beyond—an even better place. Opportunities announced on a rolling basis.
- 2. <u>J P Morgan Tech For Good</u> volunteering, mentorship and pro bono consulting and board service
- 3. <u>Microsoft Social Entrepreneurship</u> supports social impact start-ups with technology, connections and grants.
- 4. <u>Tata Trusts</u> wide range of programmes, including digital inclusion and transformation.
- The Mozilla Foundation connectivity and open internet initiatives for advocacy and on-the-ground work. They have annual tech grants for regionally targeted work
- 6. Wikipedia links to free software project foundations in the US.

IT Technology For Charities - Free Support

There are a number of providers for free IT support for charities.

- 1. <u>Donate Code</u> designer & developer volunteer network
- 2. <u>Digital Candle</u> Helpline: free 1 hr phone call with a digital expert
- 3. Founders & Coders design, build and test new digital services

Free Microsoft 365 & Other Software for Charities

Mircosoft provides <u>donated and discounted solutions</u> to charities. Organisations must be registered or exempt charities or churches. The most popular products are:

- Microsoft 365 Business Premium—free for up to ten users
- Dynamics 365 Sales Enterprise—free for up to five users
- <u>Power Apps</u>—free for up to ten users
- <u>Azure</u>—US\$ 3,500 grant

And you can also access their <u>digital skills centre</u> for non profits.

Free Charity CRM Software

- 1. Red Cloud donation manager suite of software, CRM, donations etc.
- 2. <u>Grant Seeker. Fluxx</u> entry level version is free. Need to set up as UK.

Free Charity Website Hosting

- 1. Chess community web kit
- 2. WordPress: blogs & websites
- 3. <u>Kualo</u> free of discounted website hosting for UK registered charities

Other Free Software For Charities

Accounting

- 1. Benchmarking core & advanced accounts
- 2. SAGE Foundation SAGE software donations.

Work Management

- 1. FaceBook workplace collaboration software
- 2. G Suite workplace management software
- 3. Slack digital workspace collaboration
- 4. <u>Trello</u> project management software
- 5. MRBS web based meeting room/resources booking system

Infographics

- 9. Piktochart create infographics
- 10. <u>Easel</u> create infographics
- 11. Venngage create infographics non profit discount

Imagery

- 12. Gimp open source image editor
- 13. Pexels photos and video
- 14. Canva design tool
- 15. <u>Crello</u> pro design tool, free to non-profits
- 16. Wordswag create text over photos

- 1. Wikipedia list of free and open source software organisations
- 2. Anchor create, edit and distribute podcasts
- 3. Hotjar online behaviour and voice tracking
- 4. Hootsuite social media management basic version is free
- 5. Oracle Net Suite software donations and services
- 6. Microsoft free 365 software
- 7. Facebook fundraising tools for non-profits
- 8. Survey Monkey surveys
- 9. Hemingway content analysis tool
- 10. Google You Tube non-profit
- 11. Bitly Goods: URL shortener, for social media posts
- 12. Freepdfconvert PDF to Excel converter
- 13. <u>GNU PSPP</u> statistical analysis of sampled data, very similar to SPSS
- 14. <u>R Project</u> software environment for statistical computing and graphics

ONLINE DIGITAL LEARNING AND TOOLS FOR CHARITIES

There are lots of free digital and tech online learning and tools available for charities.

Toolkits To Find Free IT/Digital Tools

- 1. TechforgoodCAST social impact tech resources on Git Hub
- 2. <u>Digital Maturity Frameworks Overview</u> 57 digital tools, sortable

Free Online Learning For Digital & Tech

- 1. <u>Digital Garage</u> Google's online learning; data, tech, digital marketing
- 2. <u>Hub Spot Academy</u> online marketing, sales and digital
- 3. Accenture online digital skills, from basic to advance