



Impact Report

2022 – 2023 Partnership Year round-up

Since June 2022 Venture 1 Consulting has partnered with Community TechAid in our efforts to end the digital divide. Venture 1 has acted as an amazing device partner and ambassador, helping spread the word of our mission and facilitated the donation of almost 100 devices, from laptops, computers to monitors and mobile phones, as well as raising awareness and funds.

We know that access to a device reduces stress and increases wellbeing. Everyday tasks become more manageable, and engaging in positive opportunities helps to improve outcomes for some of the most vulnerable in our community.

Digital poverty is increasing, and as the cost of living increases, thousands of people are cut off from the benefits being online can bring. Your support has enabled us to have a significant impact on the lives of those we support, reducing barriers to being online, whilst raising awareness about the value of reuse and repair.

The Year at a Glance

£1,181 raised

1 Community
TechAid
banner
funded

4 device
donation
drives held

19 companies
engaged

80
devices
donated

2 workshops
facilitated by
donated
tech



Environmental Impact



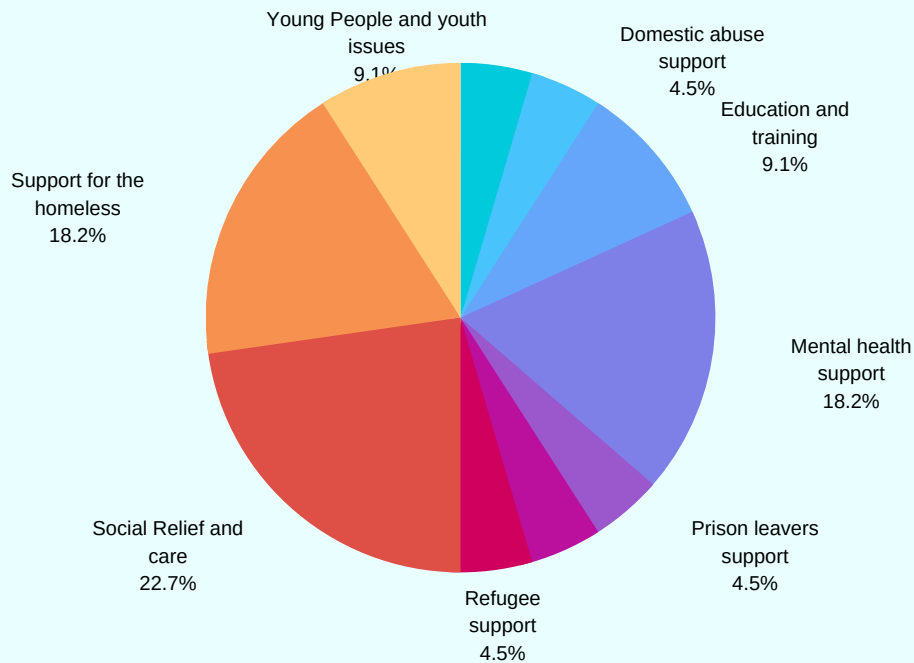
of e-waste diverted from landfill that has been refurbished, reconditioned and recycled.



of CO2e emissions avoided by preventing primary material use i.e. building new electrical equipment.

Community Impact

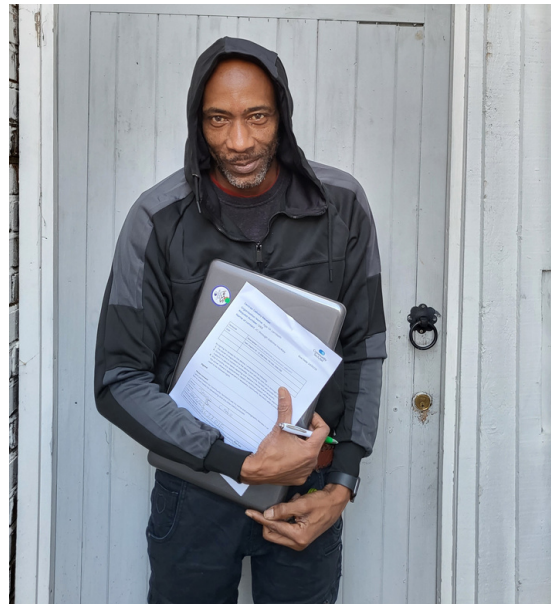
Community TechAid works with over 350 organisations in Lambeth and Southwark. Below is a breakdown of the community organisations and individuals you have supported in the past year.



People's Stories

Age UK Lambeth

Age UK Lambeth is an independent local charity that has worked in the community to help older people, their families and carers for over 70 years. They have dedicated staff and amazing volunteers helping deliver services and activities for older people in Lambeth. Their mission is to support older people in Lambeth to live enriched, productive and purposeful lives but challenging the stigma of ageing, reducing social isolation and ensuring they get the right support at the right time.



They are supporting a person who has a number of health conditions that impact their mobility. They are often unable to leave the house and this leads to feelings of isolation. With the cost of living crisis, a laptop is more unaffordable than ever. With the donation of a laptop, they have now been able to access vital health services online, stay in touch with friends and have a significantly improved engagement level with Age UK. All this has resulted in a better quality of life and improved mental wellbeing.

Single Homeless Project

Single Homeless Project is a London-wide charity. Their vision is of a society where everyone has a place to call home and the chance to live a fulfilling life. In Lambeth and Southwark, they help single Londoners by preventing homelessness, providing support and accommodation, promoting wellbeing, enhancing opportunity, and being a voice for change. From supporting people in crisis to helping people take the final steps towards independence and employment, they make a difference to 10,000 lives every year



MT needed a laptop to support them with getting their life back on track. They have put in a lot of work and hours getting themselves off the street and establishing a life again. They have come a long way and a donated laptop has meant they can continue to make these big steps forward.

NC is looking to start their own business, but without a laptop this is impossible. Thanks to this refurbished device, they have now been able to write their full business plan and start exploring ETE options. They used to have to do all their work on their phone which was incredibly old, slow and unsupported so could not use many of the latest apps. A laptop has transformed their way of working and their life.



St Giles Trust

St Giles is a charity using expertise and real-life past experiences to empower people who are not getting the help they need, people who are hard to engage because they have been failed time and time again – held back by poverty, exploited, abused, dealing with addiction or mental health problems, caught up in crime or a combination of these issues and others. They believe everyone has the power to turn their life around, no matter what their situation. Many of their employees have been in similar situations and use their past experiences to inspire and support those living through it right now.



A beneficiary from St Giles Trust is a very bright young man who is about to start university. With everything being online, completing assignments and attending remote classes is impossible without a laptop. He used to own his own laptop but had to sell almost all of his belongings to pay his bills and feed himself.

With university about to start, he is getting his life and finances back on track. With the laptop, he has been able to set up a small online business selling second hand clothing and hopes to continue this. All of this has only been possible with the help of the laptop.

Norwood and Brixton Foodbank

No one in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why Norwood and Brixton Foodbank provide three days' of nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. They are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.



A computer has been supporting *Sally who needs to do their food shopping online due to health issues. They struggle to leave the house and struggle to keep food costs down during this difficult time. With the laptop they are now able to compare prices online to ensure they are getting the most for their money, which has alleviated a huge amount of stress from their life.

Thames Reach- Lambeth High Street

Thames Reach's mission is to help people who are homeless or vulnerable to find decent homes, build supportive relationships and lead fulfilling lives. Thames Reach's vision is of a society where street homelessness has ended and nobody needs to sleep rough on the streets. They never give up on people and passionately believe that people can make real and lasting changes in their lives.



Simon* is part of a recovery schedule project that focuses on people with poor mental health, who often struggle to leave their self-contained flats or hostel rooms due to a number of factors. Simon did not have access to any tech and this was impacting his recovery greatly. With a laptop, he is now able to do the smallest of things, like watching YouTube, that is making a positive impact on his mental health. He is now engaging with group therapy sessions and other group activities, which is a huge step forward.

University of Wales Trinity St David (London campus) Hardware Workshop



Many of the donated desktops computers were used as part of a hardware workshop with students from the University of Wales Trinity St David (UWTSD). The workshop was practical and interactive that helped introduce students to the fundamental elements of a computer through hands-on experience of working on the hardware itself.

By the end of the workshop, students were able to identify and explain the functions of the components in a computer, know how to do basic maintenance, including safely replacing parts and know the environmental cost of a PC (carbon emissions, e-waste, power consumption), and aspects of the digital divide.

Students were given the tools and guidance to dismantle a desktop, took part in a 'identify the part treasure hunt' and by the end of the workshop were able to put the computer back together using the information they have just learned.

One student said:

"The best way to learn is with hands on, practical experience and this workshop was just that! They gave us a desktop to work on in small groups and taught us in-depth about computer. I was so happy to learn new ideas and techniques especially around CPU and hard drives. We need more practical classes like this for students".

Thank you so much for partnership this year. You have made a huge difference to the lives of those affected by digital poverty and have helped in our mission to end the digital divide and protect the environment!