

Title: Public Access – supporting meaningful digital inclusion for underserved communities

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Emerging Trends:

- Public access facilities continue to explore ways to tailor their offers to support digital inclusion for underserved users: women, seniors, residents of remote areas...
- COVID-19 and public access: supporting users in light of rapid digitalisation; remote support and services

Concrete Actionable Items Identified:

- Leveraging the social element of public access
- Tailoring solutions to the local context
- Public access can help create ICT-based services/initiatives which help meet target group's needs and interests

Challenges:

- Identifying barriers which underserved groups may be facing disproportionately (in the local context)
- The need to overcome silos and work with partners