



BE A DIGITAL LEADER IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

Creating digital change in rural Manitoba

WHAT IS IT?

The purpose of this project is to explore and showcase how youth can create change in rural communities with digital technologies.

WHAT IS YOUR ROLE?

Work with a PhD student to design and carry out a research project to take action and create change in your community - individually or with a team. Your research project needs to explore and possibly demonstrate digital technologies in your community.

Research questions should focus on the following ideas:

1. *What do you want to change about digital technologies in your community?*
2. *How can digital technologies help your community?*
3. *What are some new ways in which digital technologies can be used in your community?*

This research project is aimed at taking action and creating change. Your project will need to center on actions that can be undertaken in your community. All projects will include a mix of research and action. Here are some examples of possible projects:

- *Explore and promote digital opportunities for your community*
- *Research and design a digital project to help your community with an opportunity or challenge*
- *Research the opportunity and needs in your community and create an app that responds to one of those opportunities/needs*
- *Help your 4-H club, 4-H Area or 4-H Manitoba examine and use digital technologies to expand their communications and digital presence*
- *Explore essential digital skills and create a learning opportunity for youth and other community members to learn those essential skills - like a web design club*
- *Explore advanced digital skills and create a learning opportunity for youth and other community members to learn those advanced skills - like a coding club*

WHO IS LEADING THIS?

Wayne Kelly is the PhD student and lead researcher. This research is part of his PhD studies in Political Science and Sociology in National University of Ireland, Galway in western Ireland. He also works in rural and digital development as a Lead Researcher & Project Coordinator at the Rural Development Institute at Brandon University. Wayne is 4-H alumni from the Portage la Prairie 4-H Beef Club.

HOW DO I TAKE PART?

To apply to be part of this research project, please submit your research idea to Clayton Robins, Executive Director of Manitoba 4-H Council. Approval will depend on a review of your research idea with the research lead and the number of submissions.

WHO CAN BE INVOLVED?

You can do this project by yourself, with 4-H members from your club or another club, or with some of your classmates from school (who do not have to be 4-H members doing a 4-H project). You and your 4-H leaders involved in this project will work with the PhD student and should also engage leaders in your community and experts for input.

help create digital change in your community

To participate in this project or if you have questions, please contact Clayton Robins, Executive Director of Manitoba 4-H Council.

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