

Chat box questions answered:



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1. Does UnLtd support software development for healthy ageing?

Yes, UnLtd has supported some technical / digital solutions and app development in the past, if a positive impact for older adults can be demonstrated.

2. I work at a university and have been rolling out an innovation through the research department. I now want to transition to a social enterprise. Where can I go for help?

Sources of support include:

- UnLtd - <https://www.unltd.org.uk/>
- The school for Social Entrepreneurs - <https://www.the-sse.org/>
- Wessex Academic Health Science Network (AHSN) has an industry and Innovation team, offering support at any stage of the innovation journey- <https://wessexahsn.org.uk/programmes/6/industry-and-innovation>
- Regional support agencies (e.g. [HIVE Portsmouth](#))

3. How does the cost of innovations get managed? Who pays?

- This slide deck shared by the CEO of Wessex AHSN, Bill Gillespie, explains more: <https://wessexahsn.org.uk/img/projects/Payment%20models%20merged%20slides%20FINAL.pdf>

4. Are there any UK Government initiatives to help older adults improve digital literacy post Covid-19?

Many new initiatives have been initiated during Covid-19, some suggestions include:

- Communicare in Southampton has been working with Barclays digital eagles - <https://www.barclays.co.uk/digital-confidence/eagles/>
- Digikick in Birmingham - <https://www.digikick.co.uk/>

UnLtd runs online peer support sessions for social entrepreneurs – see link below for the April meeting:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/solutions-for-an-ageing-society-online-peer-support-april-registration-148021766087?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>