ElTeclas.UK

SHARE
RESPONSIBLY

STATEMENT

ElTeclas UK will promote digital skills inclusion in the Spanish speaking community in the UK, through guidance, training and support.

We will provide effective and creative educational resources to facilitate community engagement in the acquisition and development of digital competencies, in order to live, work, learn and participate in the modern society.

We will encourage access to the digital world for vulnerable members within the Spanish speaking community, affording people the opportunities to gain the skills they need to navigate the digital world.

This will include advice around keeping safe online and facing the digital challenges in a time of crisis, e.g. Covid19.

OUR ORIGINS

ElTeclas is an initiative originally born in Caracas-Venezuela in 2004 as a website -ElTeclas.com, and intended for sharing educational computing resources in Spanish, giving teachers the possibility to access free educational resources, which were difficult to access then.

ElTeclas is a community organisation aiming to promote digital skills inclusion. We also promote the responsible and safe use of information and communication technologies (ICT) inside and outside the classrooms.

Since our launch we have published a wide variety of content and experiences on our website "ElTeclas.com." We have also taken part as invited speakers in workshops and discussion panels with universities, educational centres, charities and community organisations nationally and internationally.

ElTeclas promotes a participative movement based on collaboration, solidarity and inclusion. Hence our motto:

"Share responsibly".

Since 2016 we continue our work in Valencia-Spain, where we have organised and provided support to various initiatives and projects with the aim of promoting, developing and disseminating digital skills -as established by the Institute for Technological Prospecting of the European Commission-IPTS.

We are currently working in our expansion stage. We have run our first webinar to launch ElTeclasUK -addressing the Spanish speaking community in the United Kingdom. We are also planning activities in Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic) and Caracas (Venezuela), where we have locally based ElTeclas' collaborators.

OUR MISSION

ElTeclas is dedicated to developing projects and initiatives that help train responsible and active people in the use of information and communication technologies, as well as the acquisition of digital skills -as described by IPTS.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- Promoting digital skills inclusion.

- Training on digital skills with the purpose of reducing the digital skills gap brought to light by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Promoting the use of the Internet as a research area and information search, training critical people with skills to create and share information based on our premise "PIENSA (THINK)": positive, inspiring, educational, necessary, safe and authentic.

- Encouraging the creative, responsible and safe use of the Internet suggesting experiences, disseminating information about apps and webs that boost creativity and content creation, publishing research and training projects.

- Promoting digital skills inclusion and parental mediation as the primary means to protect children and young people on the Internet, as well as preserving their integrity.

- Develop and support initiatives aimed to train ciberbrigadistas (digital inclusion leaders)*.

OUR VALUES

- *Respect for ideas*, equality and diversity.

- *Sharing* our experiences and knowledge.

- *Promoting creativity*, integration of knowledge and ideas that produce motivational learning experiences for all.

- *Innovation*, exploring the world and its technological resources to develop and support educational initiatives that facilitates critical thinking, as well as production and dissemination of knowledge.

- *Solidarity*, disseminating learning experiences aiming to promote kindness and a respectful coexistence in the Internet (training of "ciberbrigadistas").

(Note: we use theTHINK Acronym as an example for Kinder and More Effective Communications in the Internet: T stands for – Is it TRUE or is it your opinion?; H stands for – is it HELPFUL?; I stands for – is it INSPIRING?; N stands for – is it NECESSARY?; K stands for – is it KIND? *).

Digital Skills in 2021 and beyond

In order to face the digital skills gap and challenges accelerated by Covid-19, we are expanding ElTeclas' platform to further share our expertise and experiences, promoting digital inclusion and the responsible and safe use of ICT.

Access and use of ICT impacts individuals and the community as a whole. A digitally inclusive community is important to economic and workforce development, civic participation, education, healthcare, and public safety. At ElTeclas we want to widen our outreach, as well as strengthen our social impact.

That is why we are sending you this document: to invite you to be part of this exciting journey. Together we can make a real difference!

OUR PROPOSAL

ElTeclas offers different webinars and online workshops that can be tailored to people's or organisation's needs. On www.ciberbrigadista.com you can have a look at the themes we work on, the cities where we currently are working in and our activities calendar.. ElTeclas provides support, advice, guidance and training to children, young people, parents, carers, teachers and tutors.

Taking part is really simple, just get in touch via our social media networks, email or WhatsApp.

Ciberbrigadista* by ElTeclas_org

Ciberbrigadista -understood as "digital inclusion leader" in English, is a project aimed to train in the responsible, creative and safe use of the Internet and the internet-connected devices.

Ciberbrigadista is an innovative initiative launched in 2007 at Colegio Santiago de León de Caracas (Venezuela). It was initially aimed at primary school children as a response to the results of the research study "Interactive Generations in Latin America".

This study, led by the University of Navarra, Spain, and carried out in educational institutions in nine Latin American countries, explores the level of exposure and use of ICT by children and adolescents (mobile phones, smartphones, Internet, videogames and television), as well as the potential risks to be avoided and opportunities to be exploited.

Ciberbrigadista offers digital skills training, activities and resources; e.g. access to information and its organisation, using email and social media platforms responsibly and in a safe way, using online learning tools, screen-time guidelines, etc. Our activities and workshops promote digital literacy, critical thinking and understanding of our online behaviour.

Ciberbrigadista current activities and resources are aimed to a wider audience, including children, young people, parents and teachers.

You can learn more about Ciberbrigadista on our website: www.ciberbrigadista.com

DIGITAL SKILLS
EUROPEAN UNION

INFORMATION

Data search sourcing and data selection, information organisation, protective marking and storage.

COMMUNICATION

Digital media interaction, sharing information and resources, collaborating online, participation and netiquette.

CONTENT CREATION

Basic digital publishing, integration and remixing, licenses and intellectual property rights, multimedia production and application programming.

SECURITY

Privacy protection, devices, data, health and environmental setting.

PROBLEM SOLVING

Tackling incidents resulting from online relationships (technical ones and with other internet users), proposing solutions.