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Introduction



“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead



Learning outcomes

- Identify the significance and benefits of using digital tools.
- Explore effective digital tools for digital youth work.
- Recognize the challenges and advantages of having a repository of digital tools.
- Evaluate the selection and implementation of digital tools.
- Advise the correct use of digital tools for youth work in the context of climate change.



Targeted skills

- Digital literacy
- Communication skills
- Collaboration skills
- Critical thinking skills
- Adaptability and resilience
- Ethical digital practices
- Self-reflection
- Media literacy



The significance & benefits of using digital tools



The significance of digital tools

Access:

Digital tools break down barriers of access and provide young people with a wealth of information, resources, and opportunities.

Empowerment:

Digital tools provide interactive and engaging platforms for young people to actively participate in their own learning and development.

Amplifying Youth Voice:

Digital tools amplify the voices of young people, enabling them to share their perspectives, raise awareness about social issues, and advocate for positive change.

Connectivity:

Digital tools facilitate collaboration and connectivity among young people, youth workers, and organizations working in the field of youth development.

The benefits of using digital tools

Increased accessibility

Enhanced engagement

Amplified youth voice

Expanded reach

Innovative approaches

Collaboration & co-creation

Skill development for the digital age

Personalized communication

Data-driven decision-making

Empowerment and agency

Collaboration and teamwork

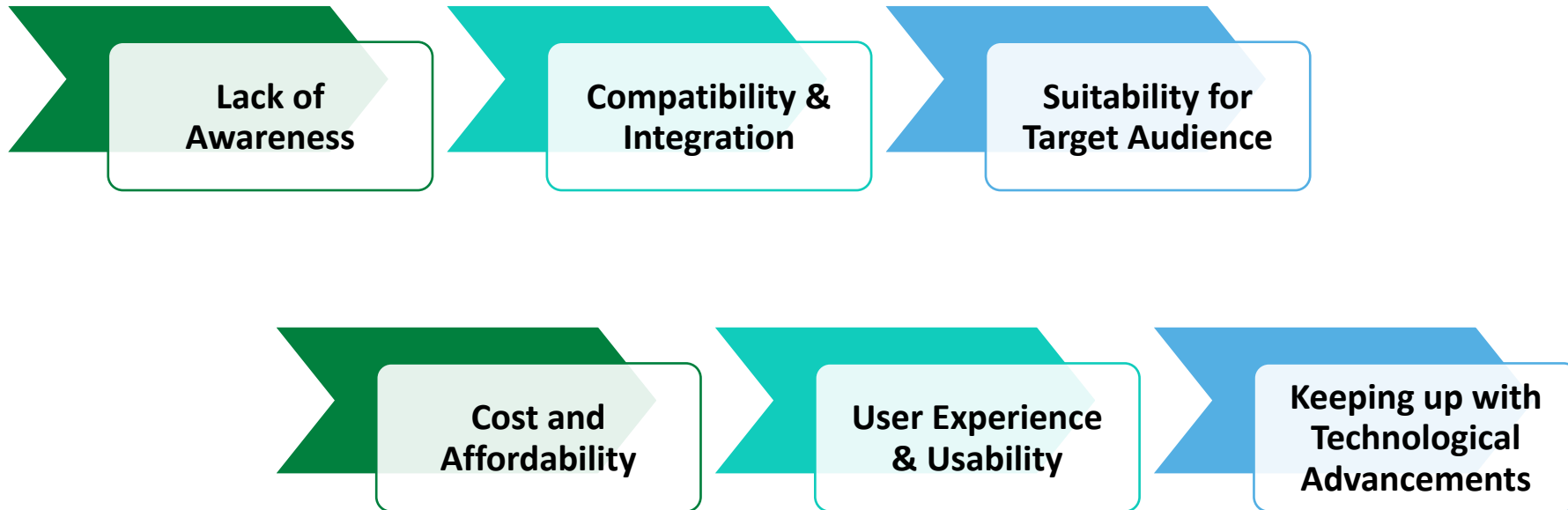
Empowering youth voice



#amplifiedyouthvoice



Challenges faced in finding suitable digital tools



#newdigitaltools



Advantages of having a repository of digital tools



Advantages of having a repository of digital tools

Comprehensive collection of resources, tools, and best practices

Easy access to information

A repository ensures consistency in the quality and standards of digital youth work

Collaboration and knowledge sharing

A repository offers opportunities for continuous development

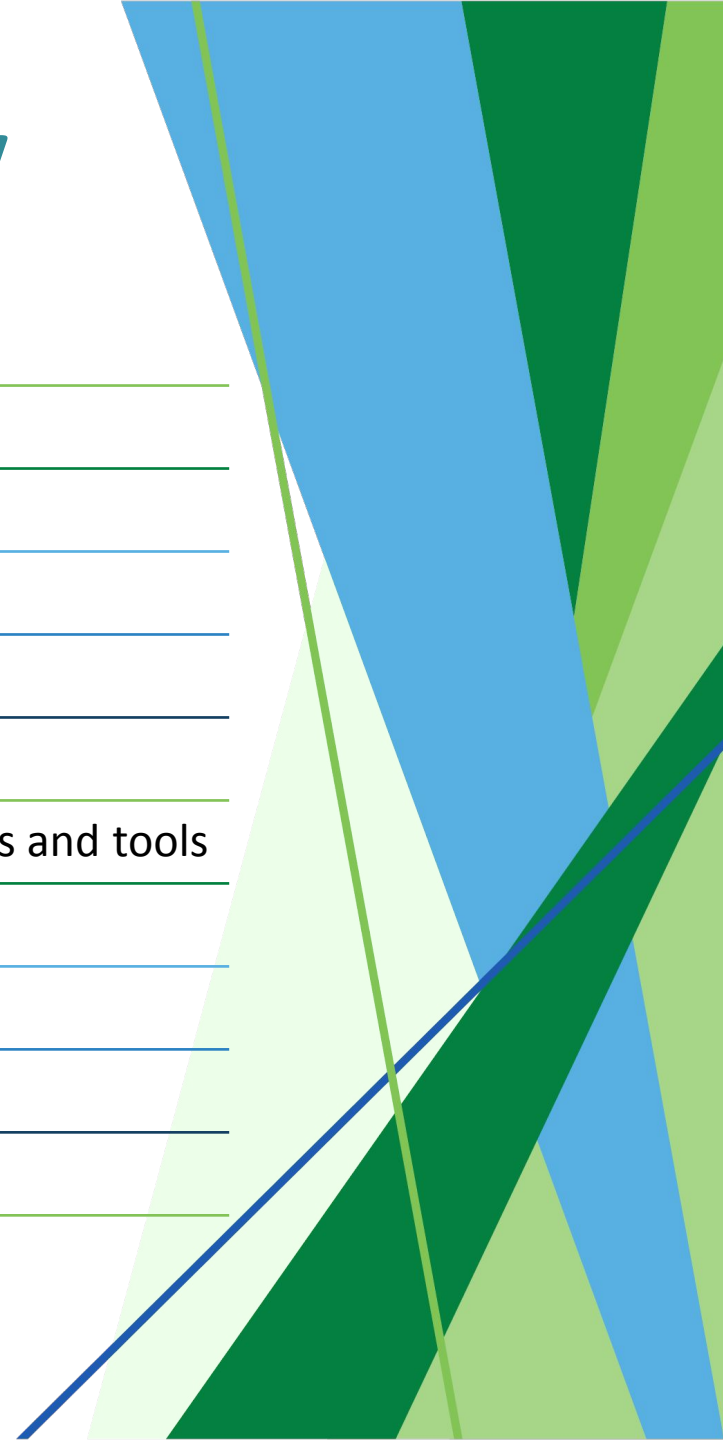
A repository enables scalability & adaptability by offering a diverse range of resources and tools

Keeping up with trends and innovations

Evaluation and impact assessment

Networking and collaboration opportunities

Promotes evidence-based practice in digital youth work



**Repository
of Digital
Tools:
#Advantages**



Exploring tools for digital youth work



Digital Tools

Social Media
Platforms

Digital
Storytelling
Tools

Digital
Mentoring
Platforms

Virtual Event
Platforms

Youth
Engagement
Apps



Social Media Platforms

Explore popular social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and TikTok to engage with other young people, share information, promote events, and facilitate discussions.



Digital Storytelling Tools

Discover tools like Adobe Spark, Canva, or Storybird that enable young people to create and share digital stories, allowing them to express themselves, develop their creativity, and communicate their experiences.



Digital Mentoring Platforms

Engage with platforms like Mentorloop, iCouldBe, or eMentoring to connect young people with mentors who can provide guidance, support, and mentorship in a digital format.



Virtual Event Platforms

Discover platforms like Zoom, Microsoft Teams, or Google Meet that allow for hosting virtual events, workshops, and conferences, enabling young people to participate remotely and engage in digital youth work activities.



Youth Engagement Apps

Engage with mobile apps like YouthVoices.live, YD Talks, or Youth4SDGs to facilitate youth participation, provide platforms for young people to voice their opinions, and engage in discussions around social issues and youth-led initiatives.

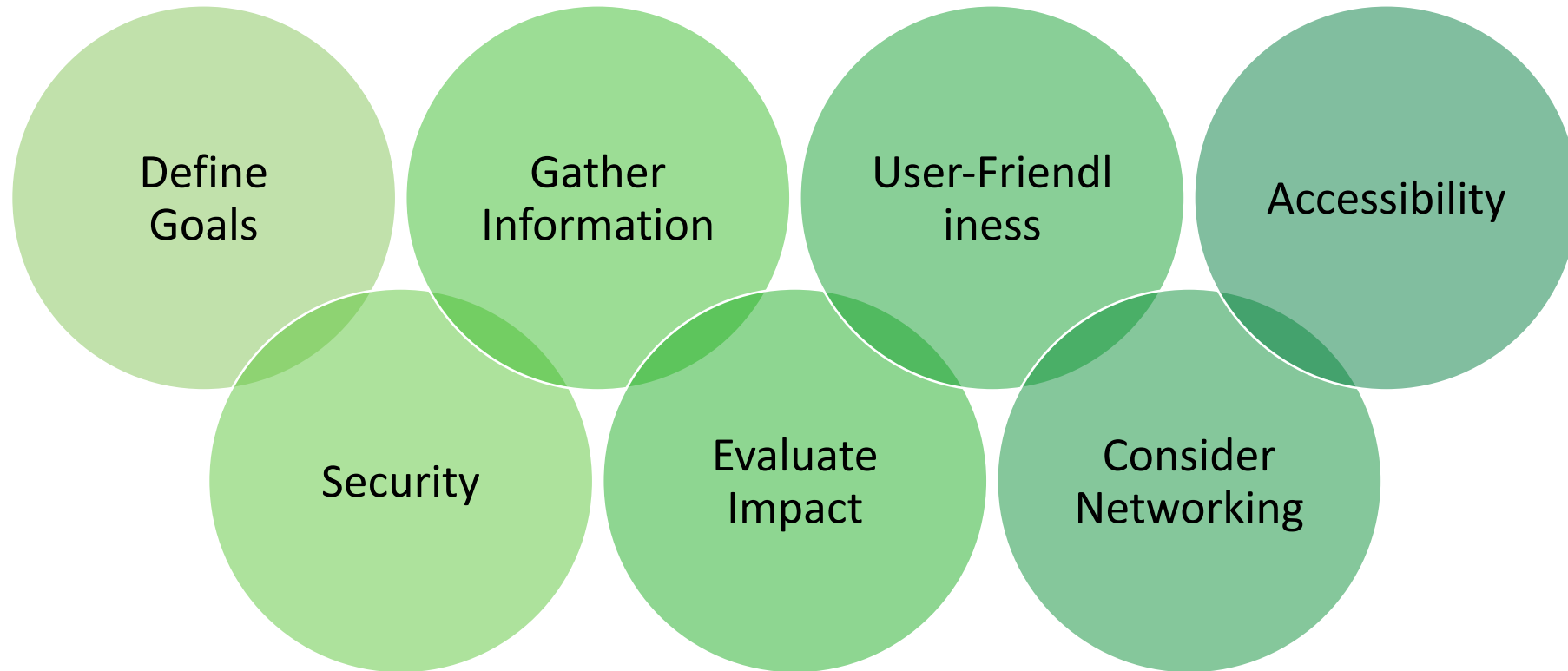


Evaluating & Selecting Digital tools

Evaluating and selecting digital tools for youth work can involve:

- Identification of the **goals** and **objectives** of your youth activism initiative.
- Understand the specific **issues** you want to address and the **outcomes** you aim to achieve through digital means.
- Exploration of **websites, online communities, and social media platforms** to gather information and recommendations about suitable tools for organizing, mobilizing, and advocating.
- Evaluation of the **alignment** of each digital tool with your activism goals.
- Consideration of the **user-friendliness and accessibility** of the digital tools.
- Paying attention to the **privacy and security measures** implemented by the digital tools.
- Looking for digital tools that facilitate **collaboration and networking** among activists.
- Consideration of features such as group messaging, project management, and online forums that enable activists to **connect, share resources, coordinate actions, and build a strong community**.

Evaluating & selecting digital tools



Conclusions



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A **repository** of digital tools for digital youth work provides youth workers with access to a diverse collection of tools that can enhance engagement, learning, communication, and impact in their work with young people.

By utilizing **digital tools**, youth workers can streamline processes, improve efficiency, and reach a larger audience. Digital tools enable effective communication, collaboration, and the delivery of engaging and interactive experiences for young people.

Digital tools **empower** young people by providing them with opportunities to express themselves, develop new skills, and actively participate in digital youth work initiatives.

A repository of digital tools fosters **collaboration and knowledge** sharing among youth workers, enabling them to exchange ideas, best practices, and experiences.

A repository of digital tools **encourages** youth workers to engage in continuous learning, explore new tools, and experiment with innovative approaches.



References & Additional Resources



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- European Youth Portal - Digital Tools for Youth Work: A selection of digital tools and resources for youth work provided by the European Commission. Available at: https://europa.eu/youth/tools_en
- Youth Work Digital - Resources: A website offering a range of resources, including digital tools, for youth work professionals. Available at: <https://www.youthwork.digital/resources>
- Digital Youth Work Resources - YouthLink Scotland: A repository of digital youth work resources, including tools, guides, and case studies, provided by YouthLink Scotland. Available at: <https://www.youthlinkscotland.org/resources/digital-youth-work-resources/>
- Digital Youth Work Handbook - National Youth Council of Ireland: A handbook that includes information on digital tools and platforms for youth work, along with best practice examples. Available at: <https://www.youth.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Digital-Youth-Work-Handbook.pdf>
- Young Scot Digital Toolkit: A toolkit developed by Young Scot, providing guidance, resources, and digital tools for youth work professionals in Scotland. Available at: <https://www.youngscot.net/digital-toolkit/>

Additional resources

- What is: Digital Ethics? Available at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PCHAGVftN1I>
- Hashtag Activism: The Ethics of Online Campaigns. Available at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LDpGS_jAgJA
- What is Digital Ethics? Available at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHQBQ3QeWCY>
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