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E-INCLUSION GUIDE FOR WEST-FLANDERS

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- About the digital gap and how to adress it
- Impact for social workers and other civil society actors
- Knowledge about e-inclusion offer
- Project Digiwijzer







Context

- Project Digiwijzer
 - Part of Strong Social Work West- Flanders
 - Initiative of POM West Flanders and House of Learning
 - Main partners:
 - Digibanks West Flanders
 - Zenjoy
 - Expertise line People, Society and Digitalization. Bachelor of Social Work, AUAS.
 - HOWEST







About the digital divide in Belgium

The impact of digital exclusion is greater than ever:

- Digital inclusion Barometer 2022:
 - 1 in 5 households have no internet access
 - 3 in 10 Belgians have limited digital skills
 - 46 % of the Belgian population is digitally vulnerable
- Digimeter 2023
 - 38% feel forced to participate in digital society
 - 51% indicate that technological changes and innovations come in too quick succession
 - 'Digital by birth' does not mean 'digital by nature'
- Accessibility Monitor 2020
 - Only 32% of the screened Belgian websites is accessible







About the digital divide in Belgium

Boost of initiatives on Flemish and European level

- E-inclusion for Belgium
- Flanders Action plan 'Everyone Digital'
- City deal 'E-inclusion by design'
- Learning community E-inclusion
- Digibanks
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Impact on social workers and other civil society actors?

- Digital competences
- Digital inclusion and the target groups of social work
 - No access to smartphone, laptop, computer
 - No access to good internet
 - Limited skills
 - Limited support
 - Tools and websites are not well adapted
- What to do with digital help requests?
 - Do it themselves?
 - Refer to the best support?







Impact on social workers and other civil society actors?

- What to do with digital help requests?
 - Do it themselves?
 - Refer to the best support?
- Examples of requests:
 - How to register online on the social rental market?
 - How to book an online doctor's appointment
 - I want to know more about online safety
 - What to do if I have no internet connection?
 - How to find a job easily online?
 - How to create an account for online shopping?
 - What do I have to do when I don't get online?
 - I want to learn how to handle my tablet or iPad
 - How can I forward an e-mail?
 - The online route planner to take the train is too complicated for me.
 - How to make an online transfer?
 - I cannot install 'Itsme' (=digital identification app that allows Belgian citizens to log in to Government, banks, insurers,...

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E-inclusion offer in Belgium

What is the best support and where to find it?

- E-inclusion offer is diverse and complex
 - Many different providers
 - Within West-Flanders also focused on rural reality
 - Tailormade pathways
- Digibanks and e-inclusion offer is growing fast
- Do social workers and other midfield actors know?
- Findability of these initiatives is difficult or too often in jargon
- Demand for overview of the offer increases sharply







E-inclusion offer in Belgium

What is the best support and where to find it?

- → 'Digital Inclusion in Flanders', Leaflet of Mediawijs
- → E-inclusion Offer Ghent, Leaflet of District09
- → All Digital, a guide for residents and professionals, Leaflet Kortrijk
- → Digital Along, an online overview of e-inclusion in Sint-Niklaas
- \rightarrow ...
- → Digiwijzer = website that offers an overview of e-inclusion offer in West-Flanders







Digiwijzer Set-up

- Digi- 'wijzer' in English= Digi- 'pointer'
- → a website pointing to possible support regarding 'digital' issues
- For midfield actors such as social professionals, health professionals, educational professionals, ... to use with their target groups
- 4 objectives:
 - Overview of support for referrers
 - Place where organisers can post their offer
 - Avoiding overlap and chaos
 - Extra promotion for e-inclusion offer







Digiwijzer Set-up

- Cooperation between:
 - Province West Flanders, House of Learning West Flanders, Artevelde University of Supplied Sciences and Zenjoy, web designer.
 - Start in April 2023
 - Steering committee to
 - Decide priorities
 - Define necessary functionalities
 - Test the prototype
 - Test putting offerings online
 - Give feedback on the approach to the info sessions on the Digiwijzer
 - Give feedback in general
- A work in progress







Digiwijzer Project process

- Work in progress
 - Prototype is ready and in testing phase
 - Target group analysis has been done
 - Uploading e-inclusion offerings is going on
 - Planned soon: Publicity and sensibilisation
 - Online webinars
 - Interactive sessions with Digibank staff
 - General information sessions
 - Big launch of Digiwijzer in autumn







Digiwijzer preview

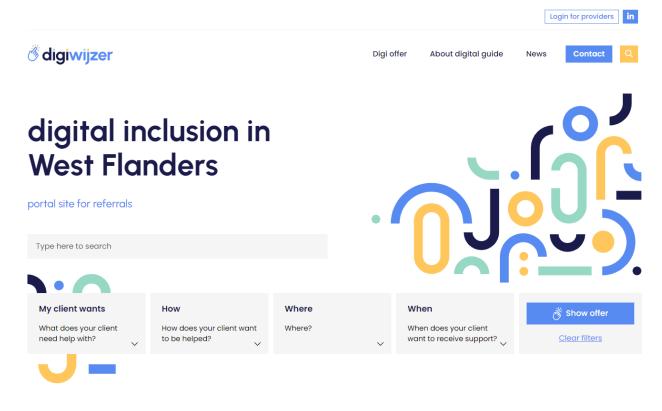
- Homepage with filters:
 - What does your client need?
 - How would your client like to be helped?
 - Where does your client like to be helped?
 - When does your client like to be helped?
- Search page







Digiwijzer, preview

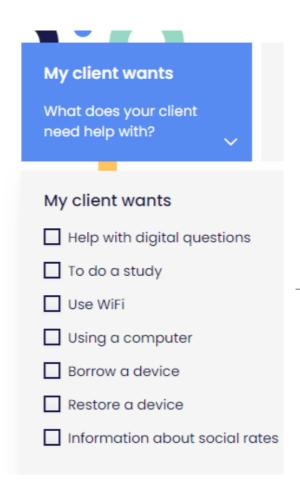


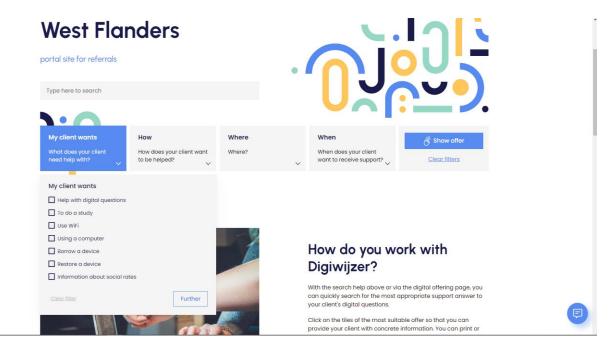






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How does your client want	Where?
to be helped?	~
How does your client want to be helped?	
One-on-one guidance (digital helper, e-buddy, etc.)	
Learning in group (training, information session,)	
Help at home	
☐ Working independently (online).	
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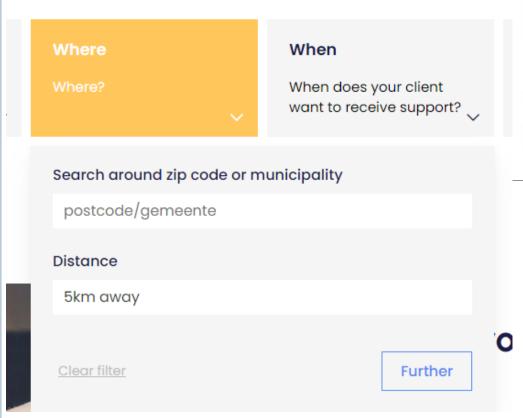


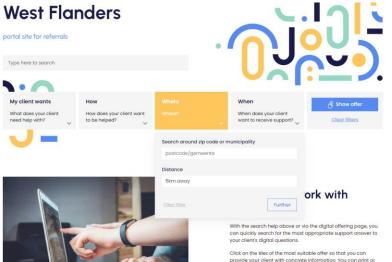






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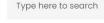




Digiwijzer, preview:

West Flanders

portal site for referrals





What does your client need help with?

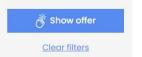
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to be helped?

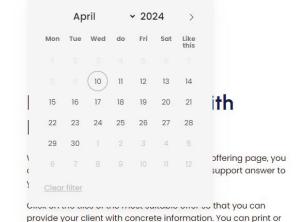
Where Where? How does your client want

When When does your client

want to receive support?



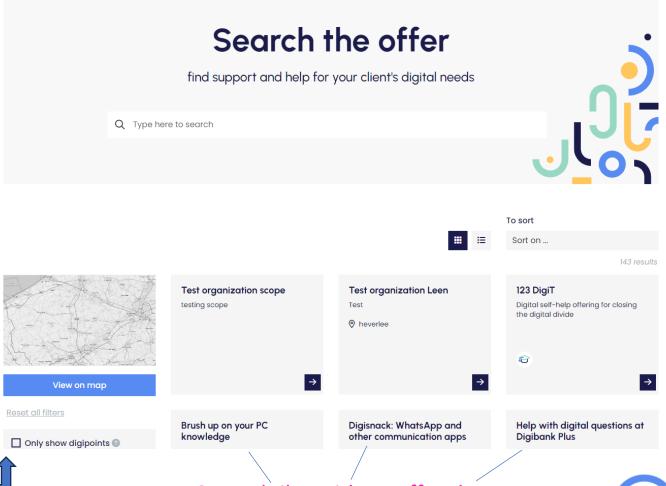








Digiwijzer, preview: Search page





View offer

on the

map

Several tiles with an offer sheet





Questions



- Is e-inclusion part of the mission of social work?
- Do you know similar tools or good practices in terms of referrals?
- Are there any similar European initiaves that you know of?
- Do you have any suggestions for the developers?
- What do you think is crucial in launching this?
- Any other questions?







Thank you for your attention



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