

CTTAB 2010

Get Online Day¹ Committee Project Description

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Committee Description:

Improve awareness of public computing centers and the benefits of the Internet technology and resources for those who have little or no exposure to it. Facilitate open houses at public computing centers in Seattle to enable people to get online and learn about the services and facilities available to support their use. Work in conjunction with Digital Promise and United Way Day of Caring Volunteers to improve technical capability at labs through a technical assessment, maintenance, and upgrades.

Updates:

Two committee members met with Digital Promise and DoIT staff on 6/7/10 to discuss. Agreed to do some kind of event on United Way Day of Caring that could combine awareness and outreach activities with what they did last year which was focused on technology maintenance and upgrades in some labs.

Need to assess ahead of time what labs need and have labs apply to be a part of the event. Select a geographically disparate group. Karen will create an online survey/information sheet for data collection by early week of 6/15/10. Ask people what materials are needed for the event.

Digital Promise will try to identify funding for a contractor to coordinate.

Timeline:

The event will occur on United Way's Day of Caring, which is September 24, 2010.

Project management responsibility and needs:

From CTTAB

- Create promotional materials for event
- Recruit volunteers
- Help sites plan what kind of content/resources/training to share
- See if we could get schools to open labs after hours
- Think of a new name for this event and committee—Get Online Day?

From staff

- Help coordinate the event, identify sites, correspond with sites, and ensure event is supportive and beneficial for CTCs and the unserved and underserved populations
- Help outreach to CTs
- Help sites plan what kind of resources and training to offer at event

¹ Working title for event name