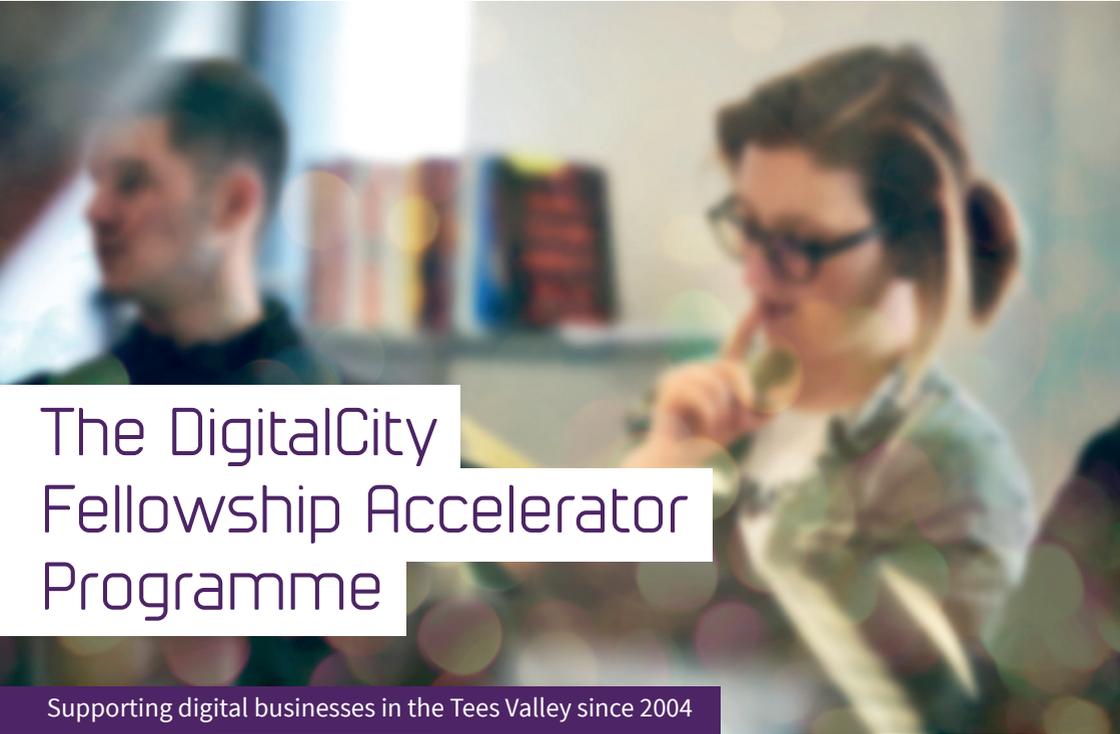




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The DigitalCity Fellowship Accelerator Programme

Supporting digital businesses in the Tees Valley since 2004



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Since its launch in 2004, DigitalCity has awarded over 350 Fellowships and helped over 650 digital businesses. Some of these entrepreneurs are now among the most successful digital business leaders and employers in the Tees Valley.

The Fellowship Accelerator Programme offers a supportive environment in which innovators and pioneers in the digital/tech sector are able to thrive and grow, through a programme of business growth workshops, tailored mentoring and grant funding. We regularly bring in local digital leaders who share their experiences of starting businesses. They are always ready to discuss their success stories and the lessons they have learnt to encourage and support start-ups.

Our Alumni



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Animmersion

Formed by Teesside University graduates Dominic Lusardi and Sam Harrison, Animmersion was one of the very first businesses to join the DigitalCity Fellowship Scheme.

Initially working on ground-breaking medical visualisation projects, Animmersion is now made up of over 20 staff and is at the forefront of AR and VR technology. From apps to touchscreen, product demonstrations and training scenarios, Animmersion's interactive displays are intuitive and attractive, making complex and challenging subjects easy to understand across any touch-based device.

animmersion.co.uk



SockMonkey

Bob Makin and Darren Cuthbert founded SockMonkey with the help of DigitalCity in 2013. Since then the games studio has gone from strength to strength. It has developed top titles on all major platforms and partnered with some of the games and entertainment industry's biggest brands, including Star Wars, Playstation and Nintendo.

The Programme also opens the door to the wider DigitalCity Cluster. This includes Local Authorities, who offer business accommodation and start-up packages, collaboration opportunities with Teesside University's enterprise and research institutes, access to funding opportunities such as Tees Valley Business Compass and of course networking with the more established digital businesses in the area via a programme of events.

Innovation is at the heart of what we do. We support businesses right across the digital and technology spectrum, from those working on complex medical and industrial visualisations through to app developers, video games and animation studios and innovators commercialising exciting new technologies.

A great supporter and employer of local talent, SockMonkey has recently undergone a period of expansion, having taken on some major high profile projects. This rapid growth has been supported in part by DigitalCity's SCALE Programme.

sockmonkeystudios.net



Kraken IM

Kraken is a software company that creates and builds tools for the engineering and construction sectors. Fundamentally, it helps its clients adopt new technologies and processes to make digital transformation happen in their businesses.

Kraken received a start-up grant and specialist mentoring support from DigitalCity to develop 'Halcyon' – a software tool that captures information throughout the lifecycle of a project to create a digital asset. This software is used by companies working in the Oil and Gas, Utilities, Infrastructure and Process and Power sectors.

kraken.im

Recent Alumni



DJM Aerial Solutions

DJM Aerial Solutions specialises in asset integrity inspection using high specification drone technology and UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles) to conduct inspection services at height and in difficult-to-access areas.

DigitalCity provided the company with a business development grant, coaching and bespoke mentoring to help it become one of the Tees Valley's first businesses to offer drones and UAVs in site inspection and installation services.

djm-aerial.com



Desifa

Frustrated that video call service providers weren't meeting the needs of the hard of hearing, Martin Phillips and Steve Tinkler decided to invent their own solution.

The HearClear app has been described as 'Skype with text' as it provides live subtitles during a video call. By combining the app's video features with text, important communications skills like body language and lip movement reduce misunderstandings or misinterpretations that take place when only text is used.

In addition to providing grant funding, DigitalCity worked with the business to help it commercialise its game-changing product.

Desifa is in the process of beta testing the HearClear app and is speaking to potential investors who were introduced to the business by DigitalCity.

hearclearapp.com



Hobgoblin-3D Ltd

Made up of graduates from Teesside University's Computer Games Animation Programme, Hobgoblin is one of the leading designers of 3D printable files and designs for the tabletop market.

The company joined the DigitalCity Fellowship Accelerator Programme in 2017 to develop an innovative business model that would service the rapidly growing 3D printing industry.

Blueprints of characters and assets created by Hobgoblin are downloaded by Dungeons and Dragons-style games enthusiasts who 3D print them in their own homes.

Hobgoblin's sales are driven through its website and social media channels. As a result, it has a loyal customer base that is spread across the world.

hobgoblin3d.com



The DigitalCity Fellowship Accelerator Programme How To Apply

The DigitalCity Fellowship Accelerator Programme is aimed at early-stage digital and tech businesses based in the Tees Valley with the potential to grow and contribute to the local economy.

Funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and Tees Valley Combined Authority, the Programme runs three times a year. Calls for applications are made on the DigitalCity website, through stakeholder partners and via DigitalCity's social media channels.

DigitalCity is passionate about nurturing and supporting exciting new businesses and is happy to speak to you at any time. While you may not be

experienced in digital technology, your business idea should involve developing a digital product or delivering a digital service with an element of innovation. DigitalCity's experienced team can offer you start-up advice and signpost you to partners within its network who can also help you at the early stage of your business.

For further details about the DigitalCity Fellowship Accelerator Programme and an Application Form, please visit: thedigitalcity.com

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