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# **The digital era: what about ethics, equity & inclusion?**

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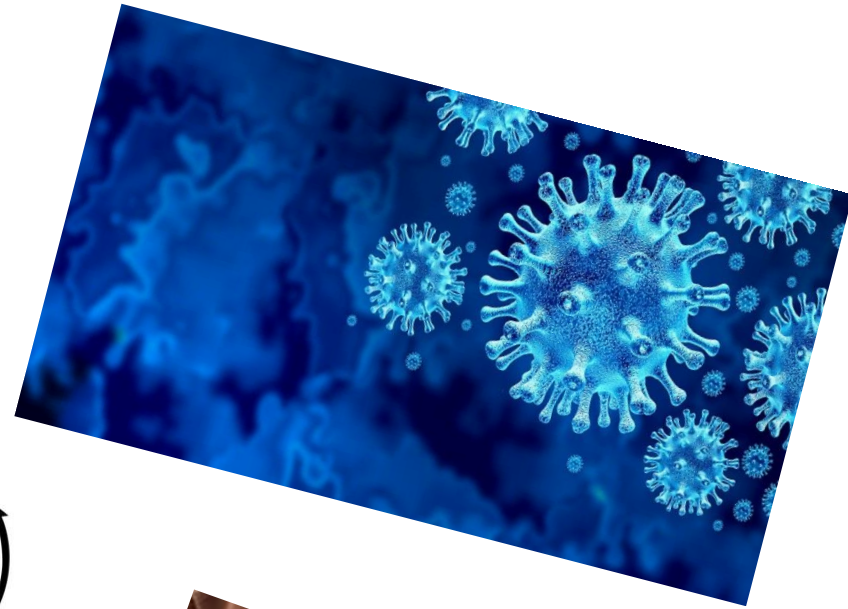
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# What is digital inclusion?

Everybody can contribute to and benefit from the digital economy and society

*It's having convenient, reliable access to affordable, accessible digital devices and an internet connection, and the ability to confidently use these in day-to-day life*

# Why digital inclusion?



# Dimensions of digital inclusion



**Gateways  
to ICT**



# Who is impacted by digital exclusion?

## Who?

- Those in rural areas
- Some older people
- Those on lower incomes
- Those with less formal education
- Lone parents
- Migrants +/-
- Micro-businesses
- Businesses & farms with older owners/managers

## And?

- Some changes since Covid – but gradient still there
- You can't assume everyone will catch up
- Relevant for employment, training, access to public and private services, communication, savings, security, independence

# Thank you!

