

Youth Digital Social Innovation

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DSI Context

Nowadays, digital technologies and the internet are particularly well suited to helping civic action, as they can mobilize large communities, facilitate resource-sharing and distribute power downwards.

WHAT DSI IS

As DSI is an evolving and broad field, it is difficult to find an all-encompassing definition.

DSI is not the only term used to refer to the use of digital technology to address social challenges.

‘Civic technology’, defined as “technology that enables greater participation in government or otherwise assists government in delivering citizen services and strengthening ties with the public,” is probably the most widely used term worldwide today.

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DSI and learning

DSI equips us with new methods of learning and offers the chance for more people than ever to learn a wide range of skills.

Furthermore, the distributed nature of DSI is lowering the barriers to entry to a range of interests and professions.

DSI and democracy

Across Europe, political parties and governments are turning to digital democracy tools to engage a greater number of people in collaborative decision-making to improve both the legitimacy of democracy and the quality of policy.