Essex businesses and organisations are being urged to donate unused devices to help bridge the digital divide across the county.

Currently, one in five of Essex residents are offline. They lack the technology, connectivity, or digital skills needed to go online.

By donating old devices, businesses can make a real difference in their communities.

Donations will be distributed to children in Essex, including those receiving benefits such as free school meals.

Contributions will ensure children have access to the digital tools they need to learn, connect, and succeed.

The Essex County Council campaign supports the Government’s IT Reuse for Good charter. By working with the council, businesses can ensure their donations make a local impact.

Councillor Louise McKinlay, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Communities, Economic Growth, and Prosperity, said: “The device donation campaign is helping more people get online by repurposing unused tech from local businesses. By promoting reuse, we’re also ensuring schoolchildren have the digital tools they need to learn, connect, and succeed. A fantastic example of Essex communities and businesses working together to make a real difference.”

Councillor Tony Ball, Cabinet Member for Education Excellence, Lifelong Learning, and Employability, added: “Every child in Essex deserves the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed in a digital world. By donating unused devices, businesses are helping to remove barriers and open doors for children who might otherwise be left behind. This campaign is about giving young people the tools they need to thrive, not just in school, but in life.”

To find out more, visit [www.essex.gov.uk/device-donations](https://baltic.vuelio.co.uk/www.essex.gov.uk/device-donations) or email device.donation@essex.gov.uk