

Ruth helps unveil new Google Garage

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Scottish Conservative leader Ruth Davidson has emphasised the importance of digital skills education at the opening of a new facility in Edinburgh.

She helped unveil the new Google Digital Garage in the Capital today, saying such resources would help people of all ages improve their skills, and fill gaps in the technology jobs market across the country.

The facility will be accompanied by a digital skills training programme for people living in and around Glasgow as part of a major investment from the global firm.

It will enable people to access free coaching in creating a CV, learning more online skills, and providing information about internet security.

Scottish Conservative leader Ruth Davidson said:

“Too many people still see technology as something beyond their reach – like learning a foreign language or mastering a musical instrument.

“But in truth, with support it can be picked up and improved upon very quickly.

“Finding people with the right technical skills is something employers say is their single biggest challenge, and one that is increasing.

“Yet, at the same time, we know one in five people in Scotland lack even the most basic digital skills.

“So we have a skills gap and people who’d love to work in the sector but don’t currently have the sufficient skills.

“That simply can’t go on. Tech and the digital economy is going to be vital if we are going to achieve economic growth in Scotland over the coming years.

“We all know the digital revolution is upon us and is only going to quicken up.

“It’s by working together – and exercising power responsibly – that we can make sure everyone benefits.”