

## Kitchener Tech Connects

### Free Tech Courses for Seniors – August 2021

The City of Kitchener with support from the Government of Canada’s New Horizons for Seniors Program is offering older adults free essential technology training and a technology lending library. The goal of this program is to improve social connections and access to information during the COVID-19 pandemic and into the future.

We are excited to offer these **free tech courses** for older adults in our community. All courses are taught virtually using Zoom.

Course	Description	Dates
<b>Zoom for Beginners</b>	Learn the basic skills needed to participate in online Zoom video meetings which are becoming very popular in both the social and business communities. This training program is intended to help you get started and become comfortable chatting with and seeing the smiles of the family and friends that you miss. Instruction is provided by Volunteers from the Bits & Bytes Computer Club.	Tues Aug 3 1-2:30 pm – Part 1 Thu Aug 5 1-2:30 pm – Part 2
<b>Intro to Chromebooks</b>	Participants will learn about the physical features of a Chromebook, its basic functionality and how it differs from other laptops and devices. We will explore the Chrome Browser and learn how to use it to gain access to common websites. Any device can attend this course, the 2 <sup>nd</sup> day is for those with a Chromebook	Mon Aug 9 1:30-2:30 pm Wed Aug 11 1:30-2:30 pm * *those with Chromebooks only
<b>Intro to iPads</b>	Participants will learn the physical parts of the iPad, how to take a ‘selfie’ and common apps. We will also be exploring the Internet using Safari where we will search for videos, library books and the news. iPad or iPhone required for this 3-day course	Tue Aug 10 1:30-2:30 pm Thu Aug 12 1:30-2:30 pm Tue Aug 17 1:30-2:30 pm
<b>Intro to the Internet</b>	Participants will learn common terms related to using the internet, ways to access the internet, common purposes for using the internet, how to ‘google’ effectively, how to locate and save favorite websites, and basic safety practices for being online. Any device can attend this two-day course.	Fri Aug 20 1:30-2:30 pm Tue Aug 24 1:30-2:30 pm
<b>Intro to Email</b>	Participants will learn about the effective and safe use of email - various platforms, uses, account set up and maintenance, best practices / etiquette, phishing and personal protection. Any device can attend this two-day course.	Mon Aug 23 1:30-2:30 pm Wed Aug 25 1:30-2:30 pm
<b>Stay Safe Online</b>	Participants will explore why and how to maintain safe online practices, the importance of safe passwords, examine common scams and how to recognize and avoid them, and how to stay current with their digital literacy. Any device can attend this two-day course.	Tue Aug 31 1:30-2:30 pm Thu Sept 2 1:30-2:30 pm

To register for any of these courses or the technology lending library visit <https://form.kitchener.ca/CSD/NPS/Kitchener-Tech-Connects> to complete an online form. Visit our [webpage](#) for up to date information. For inquires please contact Sandy Hrubik at 519 741-2200 Ext 5079 or email [KitchenerTechConnects@kitchener.ca](mailto:KitchenerTechConnects@kitchener.ca)

