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 DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION
FOR SOCIAL IMPACT
PROGRAM

THE ILSS DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION FOR SOCIAL IMPACT PROGRAM PROGRAM BROCHURE





Foreword

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The ILSS Digital Transformation for Social Impact program aims to equip nonprofits with the tools and insights to navigate both ‘digital’ and ‘transformation’ effectively. The inaugural edition of the program has received resounding validation from varied stakeholders, including nonprofits, experts, and funders, proving to be a game-changer for the sector.

The program is rooted in a landmark study conducted by ILSS in 2023, interviewing 40 nonprofits and 15 experts, to uncover the digital needs and challenges of organisations. Despite diverse goals, many nonprofits face common challenges in adopting technology, often viewing it as complex or costly. Yet, with India recognised globally as a hub for social innovators leveraging AI, the potential for transformative digital solutions is immense.

This program addresses the sector’s critical need for digital capacity-building by fostering:

- Strategic alignment of technology with impact goals
- Enhanced digital literacy and technical skills, and
- Collaborative partnerships with funders and tech experts.

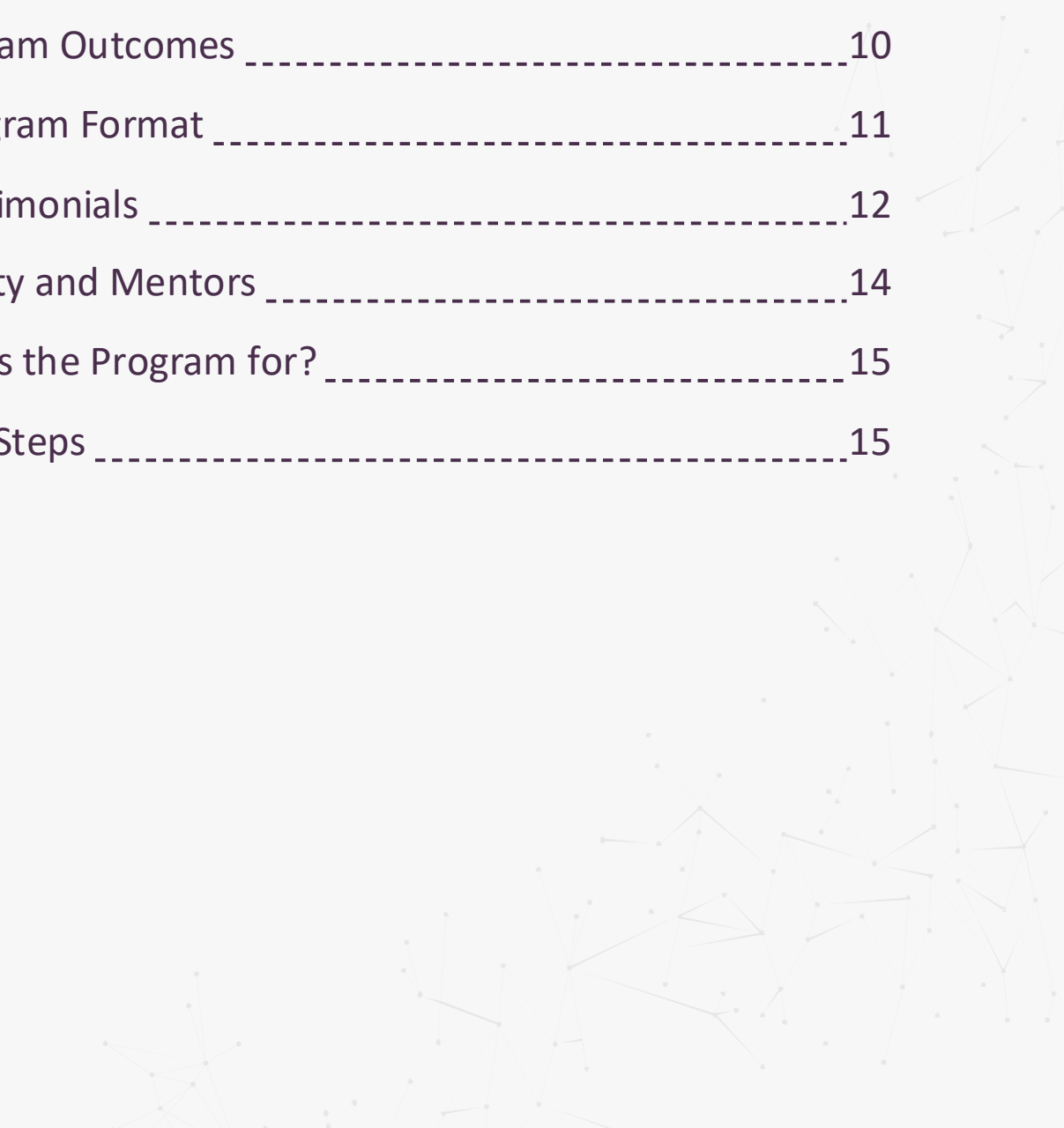
ILSS has trained over 850+ social sector leaders and thus holds a unique position in the sector to facilitate how nonprofits engage with technology—empowering them to innovate, sustain, and scale their impact effectively.

Join us on this transformative journey and unlock the potential of digital for your organisation!



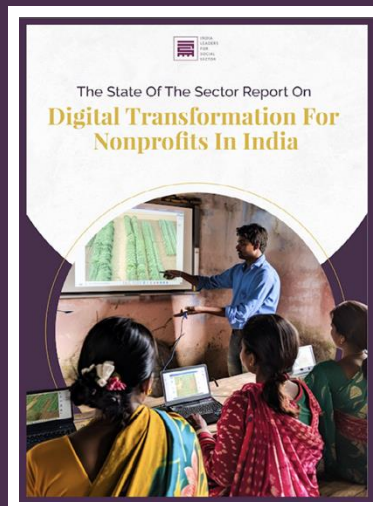
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Discover the “why?”

Our deep research with 40+ SPO leaders, 15+ sector experts...



...highlighted key gaps that need to be bridged...

Aligning DT with core impact & org objectives

Build or buy? Off-the shelf or custom-made?

Lack of skilled technical talent to drive and sustain DT

Leadership to enable DT, ensure adoption & sustainability

...and the need for structured capacity building interventions.

“Need comprehensive capacity building program & ongoing mentor support”

- 88% of survey participants



Shankar Maruwada

CEO and Co-founder,
EkStep Foundation



Break tech into nouns and verbs - any transformation is an action. What is the verb that tech is impacting? Who is doing what and how, and breaking it down. Converting language of tech into language of humans.

Curricular Components

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Foundational Topics



Unpack the 'why', 'how' and the 'so what' of Digital Transformation

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Live Case Studies



Best practices, success stories and challenges, delivered by SPO leaders

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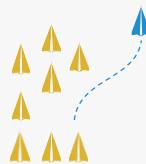
Cohort Mentoring



Personalised support to all participants to craft their DT journey

04

Your DT Goals



Pre-program assignment and Pitchfest presentations on your DT objective



01

Foundational Topics*

**Introduction to Digital Transformation (DT)**

Provides an overview on transformation thinking, how digital technologies can drive innovation, improve operations and increase impact for social purpose organisations.

**Designing for DT**

Focuses on developing a strategy aligned with organisational goals, ensuring that digital transformation initiatives are intentional and mission-driven.

**Set Up and 'Build' for DT**

Covers the foundational steps to implement digital systems, including working with technology vendors, setting a tech budget and setting up infrastructure.

**Data and AI**

Explores how nonprofits can harness data analytics and AI to gain insights, enhance decision-making, and create more efficient, personalised services.

**Mitigating Risks and Barriers**

Identifies common challenges in digital transformation, such as change management, data security, and resistance to new technologies, and strategies to overcome them.

**Sustaining DT**

Addresses long-term success, including how to drive adoption, upskill staff, and create a culture of continuous improvement and innovation.

**Additional Masterclasses**

Offers deeper dives into specialised topics such as digital marketing, building a chatbot, etc. tailored to the nonprofit sector

02

Live case studies*



*Illustrative only



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Cohort Mentoring and DT Goals



Goal:

Each participant to articulate a specific DT goal for their org with proposed solution approach



Outcome:

- “Baseline” presentation by cohort
- Assignment of mentor to mentees



Goal:

Identify the right DT opportunity, define a specific MVP and solution roadmap



Outcome:

- “Pitchfest” presentation by cohort.
- Select top 5 winning NGOs



Goal:

Enable 5 SPOs to drive their DT journey effectively



Outcome:

- Opportunity to receive DT funding, strategic advisory, and build support
- 6+ months of DT mentoring from sector and technology experts

Program Outcomes



Deliver contextual outcome and ensure ongoing momentum



Comprehensive understanding of Digital Transformations and its benefits for SPOs



Dive deeper into importance of data & AI to drive impact and org goals effectively



Learnings from sector leaders about the art of the possible, and their DT journeys



Create a digital transformation goal & roadmap for your organisation



Cultivate a Digital Transformation mindset and readiness



Be a part of a cohesive network of leaders who can support one another

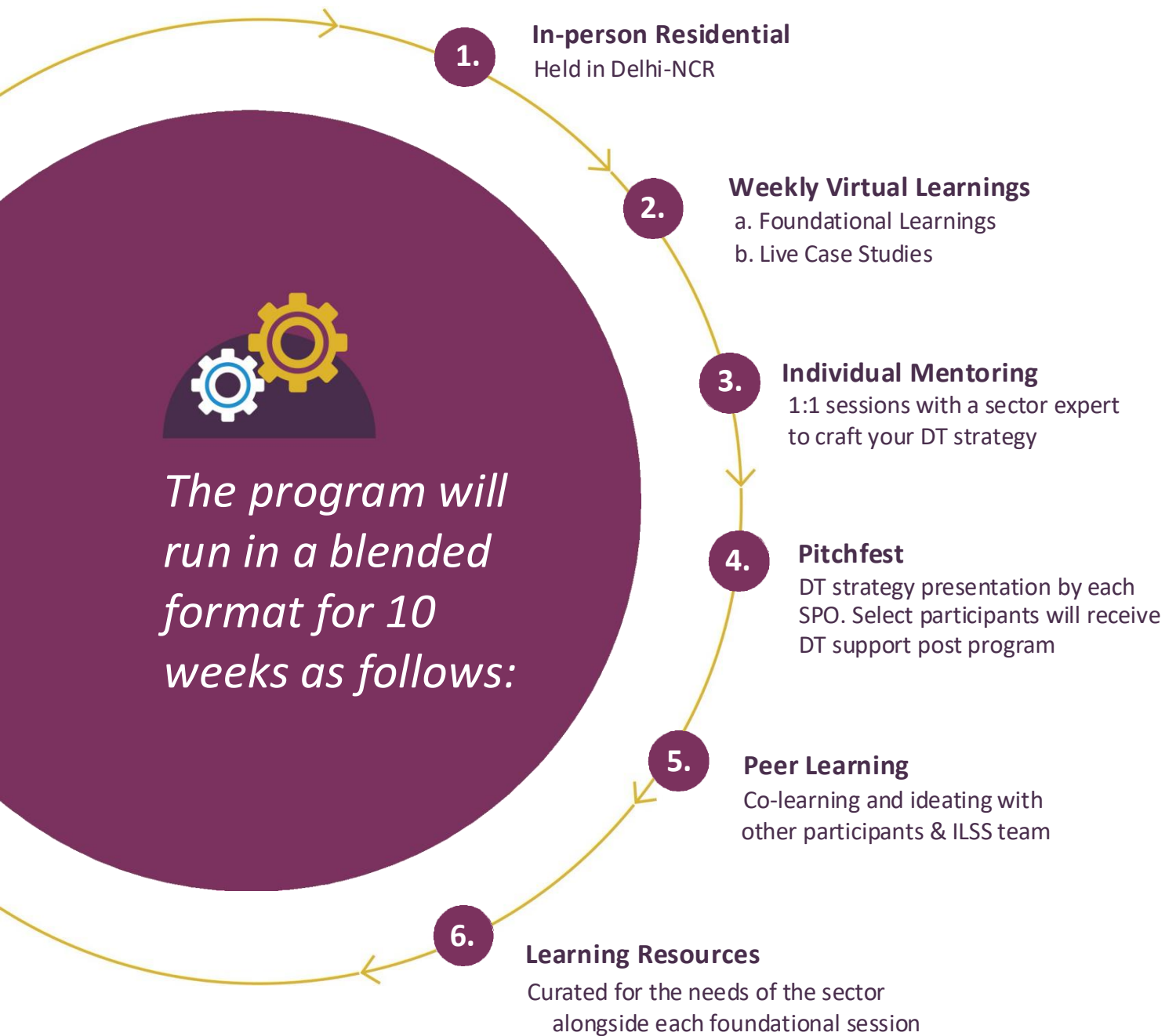


Learn about relevant tools, techniques and processes across DT lifecycle



Receive extensive mentorship during the program & post program DT support (for select Pitchfest winners)

Program Format



Testimonials



The ILSS Digital Transformation Program has proven to be an **enriching experience**. Over the past three months, we had the privilege of **learning from leading experts** who provided invaluable insights into their journeys and the rapidly evolving digital landscape. My **mentor helped deepen my understanding and assisted in developing a structured roadmap** for Concern India Foundation's digital transformation journey. **I highly recommend this program** to anyone looking to foster meaningful transformation in their workplace.



Manisha Desai

Director

Concern India Foundation



Kalyani Kumar

Chief Information Officer

Adhyayan Foundation



The DTSI Program has been a **deeply transformative journey** for both me and my organization. Guided by my mentor, Varsha Varma, I gained new clarity on defining problems and structuring solutions. Engaging with experts across sectors broadened my understanding of digital strategy. I now carry a **clearer roadmap for applying digital transformation to better serve our school leaders and students**. Above all, the **community-driven approach** and ILSS team's support made this experience both **enriching and profoundly thought-provoking**.



The ILSS DTSI program has been a **transformative and thought-provoking experience** for those of us in the development sector striving to harness the power of technology for scalable impact. Participants gain a **comprehensive understanding of the concepts of "digital" and "transformation" and their application in the sector**. Additionally, it provides critical insights into collaborating with government entities on technology-driven initiatives. Perhaps most importantly, participants benefit from the **guidance of experienced mentors** who help refine ideas into actionable, scalable, and impactful strategies.



Sharatindu Goswami

Co-founder and Director,
Learning and Impact
Milaan Foundation



Prapti Bhasin
Chief Operating Officer
Aavishkaar Center



The DTSI program has been a **journey of shifting perspectives**—seeing technology not as an end but as a means to enable deeper, more human-centered change. Along the way, we discovered that true transformation is rooted not in systems, but in people: in understanding their realities, aspirations, and contexts. What began as a technical exploration evolved into a **holistic understanding of how digital transformation transcends mere technological implementation**. It challenged us to think beyond implementation and embrace leadership, empathy, and innovation. More than tools, **it taught us the art of creating lasting, meaningful impact**.

Faculty and Mentors



Akshay V Founder and CEO, Edzola Technologies



Anand Sharma Founder, Radics Education



Anjali Hegde Executive Director, Udayan Care



Alok Gupta Chief Product Officer, Ekstep Foundation



Arti Jain Lead Partner, SVP India



Debleena Majumdar Co-founder, Kahaniyah



Hareesh Tibrewala CEO, Anhad



Jayant Rastogi Global CEO, Magic Bus



Deepa G Head - Sandbox Grants, EdelGive Foundation



Krishna Kumar CEO, GreenPepper + AI



Manmeet Singh Digital Public Goods Evangelist



Poonam Choksi Vertical Head, ATE Chandra Foundation



Puneet Kapoor Ex- President, Kotak Mahindra Bank



Ramesh Padmanabhan CEO, ARMMAN



Rekha Koita Director and Co-Founder, Koita Foundation



Rizwan Koita Director & Co-founder, Koita Foundation



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Sanjeev Prasad Advisory Board Member -Anudip Foundation; Ex-Global Business Head Cloud & Digital - Coforge



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Shruthi Iyer CEO, FMCH



Srivathsan Ramaswamy Co-Founder & CPO, Madhi Foundation



Sutanuka Ghosh Sr. Director, Genpact Better World Initiative



Swapnil Agarwal Co-founder, Dhvani Rural Information System



Uma Kogekar CEO, CEQUE

.... and more

Who is the Program for?

CEO/CTO/Co-founders/Program Directors of nonprofits and social purpose organisations

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That have been in existence for at least 3 years

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That have an annual budget of at least 3 crores

Next Steps

Program Dates

The Program will run in a blended format for 10 weeks as follows:

- First residential component in Delhi-NCR: 23 April to 26 April 2026 (~ 8 hours daily)
- 8 weeks of virtual learning and mentoring: 9 May to 27 June 2026
 - ~4-5 hours of learning sessions every Saturday first half
 - 1-1.5 hours of mentoring every week
- Second residential component & Pitchfest on 2 July to 4 July 2026 (~8 hours daily)

Fees

INR 1,00,000 + 18% GST

Merit & Need Based Scholarships are Available

Scholarship Deadline: 23 Feb 2026

Application Deadline: 23 March 2026

Applications must be submitted through the [ILSS Website](#)



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