'Improving Curriculum Access Through ICT for SEN Students'

10th November 2005, Papworth Everard, Nr Cambridgeshire

AbilityNet is the country's largest charitable organisation dedicated to helping people with all types of disabilities lead fulfilled and independent lives through the use of adaptive computer technology, in education, at home and in work.

Computers can be used to enhance communication, provide entertainment and are invaluable as research and study tool. AbilityNet's aim is to help people with any disabling or limiting condition have better access to computers.

On the 10th November we are putting on our popular course 'Improving Curriculum Access Through ICT for SEN Students'. The venue is AbilityNet East at Papworth Everard, Cambridgeshire.

Please find enclosed details of our course which is aimed at providing professionals, working with SEN students in schools, an impartial overview of the role technology can play to improve curriculum access. The course includes information on SENDA, the implications of 'reasonable adjustment' and identifying appropriate software and hardware for your students.

The course runs from 10am to 4pm, refreshments will be available throughout the day and lunch will be provided. I enclose further details along with a booking form and look forward to welcoming you on this enlightening course.

Please return the booking form as soon as possible if you wish to confirm a place on this course. Please could you circulate the information to other relevant departments and partners who might benefit from the course.

Yours sincerely

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10th November 2005, Papworth Everard, Cambridgeshire, £95 (+vat) per delegate

This one day course delivered by AbilityNet is an impartial overview of the potential role of assistive technology in primary and secondary schools. It has been designed for those working to deliver an inclusive education with the help of technology. It offers practical strategies to enable all students to access computer technology appropriately and in accordance with the requirements of the SEN Code of Practice and SENDA.

It offers a fresh approach and clear, practical guidance on:

- SENDA and what it means to schools

- Recognising and solving the issues of ICT

- Freely available options & tools to support curriculum access

- Identifying & resolving issues for students with dyslexia, physical & learning difficulties and sensory impairments.

This course is aimed at anyone who's responsible for policies & practical implementation of SEN, accessibility issues or ICT in school, disabled student assessment for IT provision, inclusion of pupils with SEN and those responsible for community provision with a school setting.

Comments from participants in previous SEN seminars

- *"I had no idea what was possible."*
- *"Excellent presentation, informative and thought provoking"*

There should be no barriers for any pupil with a disability being able to fulfil their potential. The computer is one of the most essential tools in education today, and helps ensure that all students, regardless of any physical, sensory or reading and writing difficulty, can be catered for within the school environment. The biggest barrier remains the myth of the complexity and expense of assistive and adaptive technology. At AbilityNet we will challenge this myth and prove to you that making computers accessible to all students can often be more 'common sense' than 'great expense', and can even free up budgets.

Find out how to make the most of IT to support SEN students

Aims

The course aims to give an impartial and practical overview of the potential role of assistive technology in Primary and Secondary schools. It will help all those involved meet their responsibilities under SENDA to 'increase the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school's curriculum' including planning and developing a range of practical strategies for pupils with disabilities within an inclusive framework. It will consider the role assistive technology may play in developing independence. On the course you will be introduced to many of the standard tools available on personal computers, as well as the specialist hardware and software aimed at the education sector.

Content

Improving IT Access for SEN students is a specially created one day course designed for those working to deliver an inclusive education with the help of technology. It offers a fresh approach and straight forward, practical guidance on:

- The DDA(SENDA): what it means to schools, the national curriculum, and implications of 'reasonable adjustment' and a school's duty to plan for inclusive computer use
- How to recognise and tackle the issues faced in an IT environment
- Simple and practical approaches to ensure your school adheres to 'best practice'
- Freely available options and tools to support curriculum access
- Age appropriate solutions for hardware and software to help make the curriculum more accessible to pupils with a range of special needs
- Identifying and resolving issues with dyslexia or other reading or writing difficulties.
- Identifying and resolving issues for students with physical difficulties and disabilities
- Identifying and resolving issues for students with sight or hearing problems

Who should attend?

Anyone responsible for policies and practical implementation of SEN, accessibility issues or ICT in school, disabled student assessment of IT provision, inclusion of pupils with SEN, community provision within a school setting. Including:
- Headteachers, Deputy Heads and Senior Managers
- School Governors
- SENCO's and Special Needs Teachers
- LEA representatives and advisory Teachers
- Heads of IT, IT network managers and co-ordinators

AbilityNet

AbilityNet is a charity whose aim is to make the benefits of computers available to people with disabling or limiting conditions. Through our national offices and regional partners AbilityNet provides a freephone information and advice line, individual assessments and awareness training. Our independent, non-profit status enables us to evaluate and compare all available alternatives without bias. Our approach is practical and pragmatic, judging the value of an idea by its real usability rather than its technical sophistication.

To book your place, please complete the attached booking form or call AbilityNet Courses Administrator on Tel: 01926 312847

Course Booking Form

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10th November 2005 at Papworth Everard, Cambridgeshire
Course Fees: £95 (exc. vat) per delegate

10% discount for 3 or more people from one company.
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Which sector are you from?
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