



AbilityNet is the largest charitable organisation dedicated to ensuring, through the use of adaptive technology, that people with all types of disabilities or difficulties can access computers, so enhancing their lives and enabling them to take part in education, employment and leisure activities.

We have a course coming up in Papworth Everard, Cambridgeshire which we thought you might be interested in:

USING ICT TO SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH DYSLEXIA – 17th November

As we become more aware of how widespread dyslexia is and how limiting its effects can be, there is a need for earlier identification and more effective remedial action. A range of computer techniques, from the very simple to the very sophisticated, are extremely effective tools to help bypass dyslexia, and can respond to the differences between individuals.

A computer, set up to meet an individual's needs, can be an effective alternative to pen and paper, enabling the user to write more quickly and accurately. And the effects are not only seen on paper but also in the self-image and self-confidence of the adult or child concerned.

This one day course will equip delegates with information on software & hardware that helps those who have a reading & writing difficulty. You will gain greater awareness and practical knowledge of how the computer can be used to help address reading and writing difficulties, such as dyslexia.

The course runs from 10am to 4pm, refreshments will be available throughout the day and lunch will be provided. Each delegate will receive an extensive information pack. 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, as places are limited. Please could you circulate the information to other relevant departments and partners who might benefit from the course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Thomas". The script is cursive and fluid.

Rebecca Thomas

Using ICT to support people with Dyslexia

17th November 2005, Papworth Everard, Nr Cambridge, £125 (+vat) per delegate

An introduction to computer software and strategies which can support people who have dyslexia and other reading or writing difficulties. The course includes:

- Why a computer can help ... and useful free “adjustments”
- Better spell checking and automatic correction ... without cost
- Effective options for presenting text on the computer screen ... without cost
- Useful help with Homophones and other confusions
- Word prediction and word banks, Planning tools and mind mapping
- Scanning and optical character recognition
- The computer reading text back – Text to Speech
- Voice recognition... potential and reality, current systems, criteria for choice

Comments from participants in previous dyslexia seminars

- *“I had no idea what was possible.”*
- *“... practical ideas, even for computer-phobes ...”*
- *“I will be able to pass on some terrific ideas to colleagues”.*



Text Prediction



Hear how you spell

Find out how to make the most of IT to support people with Dyslexia and other reading or writing difficulties

Course Content

The course consists of seminar interlinked with hands-on sessions. There will be explanation and demonstration of a “dyslexia toolkit”. IBM-compatible PCs will be used. The hands-on work will be in groups of three or four. Each group will work on three areas, reinforcing knowledge through direct experience. These sessions will be focussed around free and cheap solutions, text to speech, word prediction and word banks, and multi function packages.

Aims

The day is designed to give participants a working understanding of computer-based “get round” techniques for dyslexia. It will enable participants to:

- Ensure that facilities that are available on basic computers are used and not missed
- Help individuals to choose and use the techniques most effective for them
- Make good use of support and advice offered by charities, statutory bodies and suppliers
- Develop policy and practice to bring help to bear
- Implement a range of ‘reasonable adjustments’ towards compliance with DDA and SENDA legislation

Who should attend?

- Special Educational Needs Coordinators
- Learning support and teaching assistants
- Representatives of LEA Support Services
- Disability Coordinators
- Teachers and tutors
- Educational psychologists
- Social workers, probation officers and others with a special interest
- Representatives of groups working with dyslexia

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.



Keyboard stickers



Mind mapping software



Note taker

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



Course Booking Form

USING ICT TO SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH DYSLEXIA

17th November 2005 at Papworth Everard, Nr Cambridge

Course Fees: £125 (exc. vat) per delegate

10% discount for 3 or more people from one organisation.

Please tick the appropriate boxes:

Which sector are you from?

- ☐ Education ☐ Healthcare ☐ Community/Charity ☐ Commercial/Business
☐ Government/Council Dept ☐ Other (please specify) _____

How did you find out about the course? (Please tick one)

- ☐ Your Manager/Colleague ☐ Literature Received ☐ Advertisement
☐ Exhibition ☐ Website ☐ Other (please specify) _____

Please book me a place on this course

- ☐ I enclose a cheque for £.....made payable to AbilityNet
☐ Please invoice – payment by BACS/cheque

Surname First Name

Job Title Name of Employer

Employer's Address

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Postcode Tel Number.....

Fax Number Email

Have you any special requirements?

Authorised for payment by: PLEASE PRINT

Name Job Title.....

Invoice Address (if different from above).....

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Your Purchase Order Ref Signature.....

Please return to: Course Administrator, AbilityNet, PO Box 94, Warwick, CV34 5WS or

Tel: 01926 312847 Fax: 01926 407425 Email: courses@abilitynet.org.uk

AbilityNet holds any details you give us for our own purposes. If you do not want to be included in future communications about AbilityNet please tick this box ☐ and send it back to us.



Other AbilityNet Courses

AbilityNet run one-day courses of interest to professionals in education, personnel, occupational health, equal opportunities and staff welfare, who wish to help people with all types of disabilities or difficulties such as "RSI", eye strain, etc, to fulfil their potential through the use of IT and adaptations. We can also tailor-make a course for your organisation and are happy to put on any courses in-house for your organisation.

We are able to offer early booking and multiple booking discounts on the prices shown below. A 10% discount for bookings received 2 months in advance, a 20% discount for bookings received 4 months in advance and a 10% discount for 3 or more people attending from one organisation.

Improving Curriculum Access through ICT for SEN students

There should be no barriers to any pupils with a disability being able to fulfil their potential. A computer can help students regardless of their physical, sensory, reading or writing difficulties within any school environment. This course aims to give a broad, impartial overview of the technology available, offering practical solutions to help meet the requirements of SENDA and the SEN Framework within a school setting. This course will show how appropriate ICT solutions can make an incredible difference to so many students, leading to real inclusion, greater independence, self-confidence, ambition and increased achievement.

10th November 2005 – Papworth Everard, Nr Cambridge
Fee £95 + VAT and will be held from 10.00am to 16.00pm

To book a place on this course or for more information on all up-coming events please contact us on courses@abilitynet.org.uk or call 01926 312847.