Celebrating achievements in Assistive Technology and Digital Inclusion

Access – IT awards 2008

Venue: Microsoft (Victoria) London July 18 2008

Are you aware of an individual, or an organisation or an initiative that you believe has made an impact in the quality of life of people with disabilities and elderly with the support of ICT?

Do you believe you personally have made some significant contributions to the quality of life of people with disabilities and elderly with the support of ICT?

We are calling for nominations for the ACCESS IT awards 2008, which fit the criteria. These can be self nominations or nominations of others.

'**Be Unique, be Different, be Recognised'**

The Access-IT awards 2008 (in association with eAbilities, the Platinum sponsor of 2008), jointly organised by e-ISOTIS and AbilityNet are aimed at identifying and promote the impact to quality of life and independent living being made by Public, private voluntary groups and/or individuals to an inclusive society through ICT and Assistive Technology.

The Access IT awards aim to recognise the following categories:

- **Nomination for Assistive Technology Use Award**

This award aims to recognise an individual or an organisation that through their efforts, commitment and advocacy that have advanced the availability of assistive technology to people with disabilities.

- **Nomination for Assistive Technology Innovation Award in transportation**

This award will recognise an organisation or individual that through innovation and the support in the development of assistive technologies has enhanced the quality of transportation of people with disabilities.

- **Nomination for Assistive Technology Innovation Award at work**

This award will recognise an organisation or individual that through innovation and their support in the development of assistive technologies have enhanced the quality of the working conditions of people with disabilities.

- **Nomination for Assistive Technology Innovation Award at home**

This award will recognise an organisation or individual that through innovation and their support in the development of assistive technologies have enhanced the quality of the living conditions of people with disabilities especially in their home environment.

Step 2 – Identify the category & tell us your story

Download the nomination form at www.access-it-awards.org - Tell us about your initiative, product, network, service or website. Keep it simple (no more than two sides of A4) and explain how your involvement has enhanced the lives of people with a disability and how it relates to the award you have selected. If you have a case study with real users, we would be delighted to receive it

Step 3 email it to us

We will accept nominations up until June 1

Email – access-it-awards@eisotis.org with your nominations

Shortlisted entries will be notified by June 18

Notes

e-isotis means equality in ancient Greek and Equality for all in Information Society is our mission.

Our scope is to support the People with Disabilities and elderly to overcome the existing barriers and to experience an Information Society Open to ImpairmentS (ISOTIS) through the use of innovative and accessible Information Communicative Technology (ICT) and proper training.

We envisage an Information Society that is accessible by all. We envisage an Information Society Open To ImpairmentS.

AbilityNet are the UK's largest charity focussed on helping people with a disability to bridge the digital divide, through direct work with end users, with government, with private sector and with charities. AbilityNet support users regardless of need, location, age or aspiration. AbilityNet is concerned with both solutions for users in accessing a computer or other technology and the design of content, software and websites.

eAbilities is a European Project financially supported by the European Commission that aims at advancing current and future actions in research, education and technology transfer in the field of ICT accessibility in the home, vehicle and working environments in Europe. The project involves a focused effort into **a)** Tracing research and development activities in Europe **b)** transfer of technology **c)** share of knowledge based on cooperation between industry, academic and government institutions, end users like people with disabilities and elderly and research centres active in the area of ICT accessibility and AT. The virtual meeting point for these initiatives is the eABILITIES space currently available at www.eabilities-eu.org

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