

Dear SENCO

Successful Computing with a Physical Difficulty
Wednesday 23rd June 2004 - Papworth Everard, Cambs

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.

Changes in legislation mean more and more pupils with SEN are being educated in mainstream schools. Physical access issues have, or are being covered by most schools, with ramps and special aids so that a person with the physical disability can get in and around the building. "Reasonable adjustment" to I.T. is not as well known about but is just as important a consideration.

"Successful Computing with a Physical Difficulty" is a course that will be of interest to anyone who works with pupils who have physical difficulties using a computer keyboard or mouse. This is a practical course with hands-on sessions, which will allow attendees to explore a range of ways to help pupils with physical difficulties. We will be demonstrating a range of products, adjustments and strategies, including many which are freely available.

A delegate who has attended the course will be able to help those with a physical difficulty obtain access to I.T., thereby improving their access to the curriculum and helping to unlock their academic potential. The course will certainly help you to improve the inclusion of your pupils with physical disabilities within your school.

At the end of this course attendees will be familiar with:

- A range of practical, freely available adjustments to resolve some of the commonest issues that occur when physical use of a computer keyboard or mouse is problematic
- A range of 'reasonable adjustments' to comply with DDA and SENDA legislation
- The options available through a variety of alternative keyboards and mice
- On screen keyboards, switch input systems and voice recognition
- Word prediction and on screen vocabularies

Who should attend:

SENCOs, LSAs, Headteachers, LEA Representatives and ICT Coordinators

I enclose information on the course and the booking form. There are only 16 places available so please book early to avoid disappointment. For more information please call us on 01480 839091.

Yours sincerely

Roz Gale
AbilityNet East



AbilityNet Courses Booking Form

Successful Computing with a Physical Difficulty

Please tick the appropriate box:

Which sector are you from?

Education ☐ Healthcare/Community/Charity ☐ Commercial / Business ☐

Other (please specify).....

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

- ☐ Your Manager / Colleague ☐ Literature Received ☐ Advertisement
☐ Exhibition ☐ Other / Please
specify:.....

Please return to: Course Administrator, AbilityNet, PO Box 94, Warwick, CV34 5WS OR
Tel: 01926 312 847 Fax 01926 407 425 Email: courses@abilitynet.org.uk

Please book me a place on the following course:

Date.....Location.....

Course Title.....

- ☐ I enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to AbilityNet
☐ Please invoice – payment by BACS/cheque
☐ Please invoice – payment by credit/debit card (we will call for the card details)

Surname

First Name

Job Title

Name of Employer

Employer's Address.....

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Postcode

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Have you any special requirements?.....

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Your Purchase Order Ref..... please print

AbilityNet SEN Relevant Courses

This year AbilityNet East have a series of courses that aim to help those involved in the Education sector deal with potential problems faced when dealing with SEN students and ICT. Delegates will be introduced to new adaptive technology and shown how to use it.

- **Improving Curriculum Access through ICT for SEN Students:** There should be no barriers to any pupil with a disability being able to fulfill their potential. A computer can help students regardless of their physical, sensory, reading or writing difficulties. 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.

30th September - Papworth Everard

- **Using ICT to Support Literacy Difficulties among Primary Pupils:** some primary level pupils exhibit literacy difficulties which are commensurate with the early signs of dyslexia. Unfortunately, the needs of younger pupils are often not catered for on standard dyslexia courses. This course, however, hopes to address that balance by focusing on primary level pupils and the role that technology can have in both addressing the literacy difficulties and giving them the tools to bypass their problems. The morning session of the course looks at the didactic role that computers can play in addressing spelling, reading and writing difficulties, whereas the afternoon session looks at get round solutions which can help these students achieve success despite their difficulties.

13th October 2004 – Papworth Everard

- **Successful Computing with Dyslexia or other Reading & Writing Problems:** the course will equip delegates with information on software & hardware that helps those who have a reading & writing difficulty. At the end of the course, you will have a greater awareness and practical knowledge of how the computer can be used to help address reading and writing difficulties.

25th November – Papworth Everard