Low Cost No Cost
Assistive Technology
An AbilityNet Workshop
Fee £150+ VAT

19th October 2007 – AbilityNet, IBM Offices, Warwick
8th November 2007 – Stricklandgate House, Kendal
15th November 2007 – GMCVO, Manchester
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A great introduction to adaptive technology that looks at practical and cost effective solutions to make the computer safer and easier to use for all. Whether a user is disabled or able-bodied a standard keyboard, mouse and monitor is not always the most appropriate solution.

Whilst some alternative or ‘get round’ technology can be sophisticated (and therefore quite expensive) there are also many straightforward and practical adjustments available which can make computer use safer, easier and more comfortable, at little or no expense. This course includes:

- Simple, FREE, practical adjustments for a computer that make it safer, easier and more comfortable to use by everyone
- Easy to implement ‘reasonable adjustments’ to comply with DDA and SENDA legislation
- Key issues for people with physical, sensory and literacy impairments or difficulties
- A powerful range of FREE and low cost solutions (all under £150)
- The tools to teach others how to access basic accessibility options

Comments from participants in previous low cost seminars

- “I discovered many built-in features which we will implement immediately.”
- “A very good day – lots of new ideas to explore.”
- “I will be able to pass on some terrific ideas to colleagues.”

An on-screen keyboard  Text prediction software  Keyboard stickers

Find out how to make simple low cost or FREE adjustments to computer facilities to help people with disabilities or difficulties.
Course Content

The course consists of a seminar interlinked with hands-on sessions. IBM-compatible PCs will be used which run Windows XP (not Windows Vista). The hands-on work will be either as individuals or small groups. These sessions will be focussed around FREE and cheap solutions, including a look at some assistive technology computer equipment all under £150.

Aims

The day is designed to give participants a working understanding of computer-based “get round” techniques and solutions to make computers easier and safer to use for all. It will enable participants to:

- Ensure that the facilities that are available on standard 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
- Implement a range of ‘reasonable adjustments’ towards compliance with DDA legislation.

Who should attend?

- Learning support and teaching assistants
- Representatives of LEA Support Services
- Disability coordinators
- Care workers and volunteers
- Occupational Health and Occupational Therapists
- Speech and Language Therapists
- Circuit Riders
- HR, Health and Safety, Equality and Diversity Teams
- Probation officers and others with a special interest

AbilityNet

AbilityNet is a national charity and the only organisation of its kind in the UK. We are the UK’s leading authority on accessible computing and have over 20 year’s experience. Our 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.

All our training is jargon-free and based on practical experience working with people of all ages. Whether you are a technophobe or love computers, we promise to simplify issues and give you practical, usable tips and advice that you can put into practice straight away.

To book your place, please complete the attached booking form or call AbilityNet Courses Administrator on Tel: 01926 312847
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10% discount for bookings received 2 months before course, 20% discount for bookings received 4 months before course. 10% discount for 3 or more people from one company.

Which sector are you from? (Please tick one)
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Using ICT to Support People with Dyslexia
As we become more aware of how widespread dyslexia and other reading and writing problems are and how limiting their effects can be, there is a need for earlier identification and more effective remedial action. Computers are an extremely effective tool in making this possible. This 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, such as Dyslexia.

“This is one of the most helpful courses of its type that I have ever attended. I would recommend it to colleagues!” Senior Lecturer, FE College.

16th October 2007 – GMCVO, Manchester
7th November 2007 – Stricklandgate House, Kendal
9th November 2007 – BCS Offices, Central London
16th November 2007 – AbilityNet, IBM Offices, Warwick
4th December 2007 – Hewlett Packard, Bristol

Fee £150 +VAT per delegate and will be held from 10.00am to 16.00pm

Successful Computing with a Physical Difficulty
Physical difficulties present the most common cause of computer access problems because they vary from mild tremors to significant dexterity and upper limb disorders. This practical hands-on course will explore specific alternative and adaptive technology for people with physical difficulties using a keyboard or mouse. Following this course you will be able to help those with a physical difficulty obtain access to ICT, thereby improving their independence and helping to unlock their potential. Anyone responsible for ‘reasonable adjustments’ within a work, education or social care environment will benefit from this course.

10th December – AbilityNet, IBM Offices, Warwick

Fee £125 +VAT per delegate and will be held from 10.00am to 16.00pm

Accessibility in Windows Vista
Over the next couple of years PC users will be migrating to the new Microsoft operating systems “Windows Vista”. For people with an interest in Assistive Technology, or those required to make reasonable adjustments, it is essential that they understand the new technology and how it can be adapted to meet the needs of people with a variety of needs. This one day seminar will show you everything you need to know about Vista and the features it contains ‘out of the box’. This is a clear opportunity for anyone who requires to be up to date on the latest software developments. This seminar will use Windows Vista and Office 2007 for all demonstrations.

25th September 2007 – AbilityNet, South Queensferry, Scotland
12th October 2007 – AbilityNet, IBM Offices, Warwick
16th November 2007 – BCS Offices, Central London
7th December 2007 – GMCVO, Manchester

Fee £100 +VAT per delegate and will be held from 10.00am to 16.00pm

Bespoke Courses
We are happy to put on any of our courses in house for organisations where you are looking for several members of staff to receive training. These courses can be any of the above or we are happy to develop a course specifically tailored to your requirements. Our courses can be hands on or presentation style.

To book a place on any of these courses or for more information please email us on courses@abilitynet.org.uk or telephone freephone 0800 269545.