

Communication Works South – Thursday 18 May 2023

Charlton Athletic Football Stadium, North Stand, The Valley, Floyd Road, Charlton, London SE7 8BL

9.30 - 3.00pm Registration

9.30 – 4.00pm Exhibition Open

10.00 - 10.05am Welcome Speech - Kathryn Stowell, CENMAC Team Leader

10.05 - 10.25am Opening Speaker - Beth Moulam - Paralympian and AAC Advocate

10.25 - 10.40am Clarke Reynolds - Braille Artist

	Seminar Room 1	Seminar Room 2
10.45 – 11.10	<p>Seminar name: Empowering Potential Presenter: Arran Smith, Microsoft’s UK SEND & Dyslexia Consultant Company: Microsoft About the seminar: Arran will talk about the functionality that has been added into Microsoft 365 and Windows 10 that can help to support its dyslexic users. He will also be looking at how it can support students with dyslexia and SEND and the support they may need. The talk will cover the advances from when the features that were developed back in 2015 and will include features in Word Online, PowerPoint Online and he will also demonstrate the new features including Reading Progress which has been developed to help with the fluency of reading. Arran will also talk will about his inspiring story and how he uses Assistive Technology every day to help him at work and his personal life.</p>	<p>Seminar name: Developing communication in the classroom Presenter: Lee Blemings, CEO, Sensory Guru & Kathryn Stowell, CENMAC Team Leader Student: Charlton Park Academy students Company: Sensory Guru About the seminar: This is a collaborative presentation with students from Charlton Park Academy showcasing some engaging interactive demonstrations. CPA student Danny will show how he can operate Magic Room using voice output from his eye gaze device.</p>
11.25 – 11.50	<p>Seminar name: How technology is used to support the Curriculum Framework for children and young people with Vision Impairment. Presenters: Rosalind Dekker, Teacher of the visually impaired, Lambeth Sensory Support Service & Mary Long, CENMAC Deputy Team Leader Students: CENMAC Students from Oakfield Preparatory, Macaulay Church of England Primary and Dunraven School. About the seminar: In this presentation Rosalind and Mary will talk about the Curriculum Framework for Vision Impairment and the students will talk about how they use technology to support their learning and vision and how they access the curriculum with their devices.</p>	<p>Seminar Name: Predictable text to speech app and the latest solutions from Therapy Box Presenter: Rebecca Bright MBE, Co-founder, Therapy Box Students: CENMAC student from Elm Court Company: Therapy Box About the Seminar: Hear from a student using the predictable app with her unique voice designed by Speaks Unique. In this presentation also hear about the other evidence-based approaches to AAC and tools available from Therapy Box.</p>
12.05 – 12.30	<p>Seminar name: Eye Tracking - beyond communication & the latest AAC solutions from Tobii Dynavox Presenter: John Liddle, Senior Account Manager Student: All Saints Academy student Company: Tobii Dynavox About the seminar: In this session John Liddle from Tobii Dynavox and eye tracker user Myzat will be discussing how eye tracking can be used for so much more than communication. They will show how eye tracking is helping users in all sorts of areas including art, music, computer control, curriculum access, gaming and even wheelchair driving. Myzat, who many of us will remember from last year will be telling us about how eye tracking has supported her transition into secondary school.</p>	<p>Seminar name: Starting out with AAC and encouraging communication during learning Presenter: Jay Tuck, Assistive Technology Specialist, Smartbox Assistive Technology Students: CENMAC students from Smallwood Primary school and Language Unit & Elm Court school. Company: SmartBox Assistive Technology About the seminar: CENMAC students demonstrating how they use The Grid with Super Core vocabulary through the app. Also hear about the latest in the various solutions available from Smartbox AT to encourage communication during learning.</p>
<p>12.30 – 1.30 Lunch (Legends bar in the North Stand Exhibition space will be open selling pies, sausage rolls, confectionary & soft drinks)</p>		
<p>12.45 to 1.15 Main Stage – During lunchtime Abdi Omar’s AAC Chat group will demonstrate their devices on the main stage. This session is all about encouraging students to use their AAC devices and become more confident via fun and engaging activities. Hear about the success of classroom implementation and the impact of providing coaching and modelling with whole class teams.</p>		
1.30 – 1.55	<p>Seminar name: Rix Wikis for multimedia self-advocacy for AAC Presenter/s: Gosia Kwiatkowska, Co-Director at RIX Research & Media Students: Charlton Park Academy students Company: RIX Research & Media About the seminar: RIX Wikis are simple, accessible, secure and easy to build personal websites. They are used to create multimedia person-centred plans that capture the voice, skills, aspirations and needs of individuals. Charlton Park Academy students will show examples of their wikis for communication tools to support their AAC needs and development.</p>	<p>Seminar name: Hands on with Cosmo Switches Presenter: Ewa Bukowska, Community Engagement Manager, Filisia Students: Charlton Park Academy students Company: Filisia About the seminar: Hear about this inclusive technology designed around learning through play principles that helps SEND learners work on cognitive, physical, communication and social skills individually and in a group setting. We will demonstrate Cosmo games and activities with learners from Charlton Park Academy in an interactive way.</p>

2.10 – 2.35	<p>Seminar name: Removing barriers to learning with Universal Design for Learning featuring LGfL schools</p> <p>Presenter: Bob Usher, Content Manager, LGfL</p> <p>Company: LGfL – The National Grid for Learning</p> <p>About the seminar: Bob Usher will showcase how LGfL schools are removing barriers to learning with the effective use of technology. Featuring exemplars from the recent LGfL Universal Design for Learning project the session will include inspirational uses of technology to engage, inspire and give voice to all learners.</p>	<p>Seminar name: Parent’s perspective of using AAC at home</p> <p>Presenters: Kathryn Stowell, CENMAC Team Leader, Bob Sagoo, Pretorian Technologies & parent and the parents of CENMAC students from Charlton Park Academy and Hallfield Primary School.</p> <p>About the seminar: In this session a panel of parents of children who are using AT and AAC talk about their experiences, how they use their AAC at home and with family. This session will give you an opportunity to ask questions to these parents of children and young people at both primary and secondary education.</p>
2.50 – 3.15	<p>Seminar name: Accessing learning with BrailleNote Touch</p> <p>Presenter/s: Martin Roberts, Humanware</p> <p>Company: Humanware</p> <p>About the seminar: Demonstrating how students use their BrailleNote Touch devices to access their learning, record their work and access their exams.</p>	<p>Seminar name: Exploring Inspiration 10 a lifelong tool</p> <p>Presenters: Reeza Awoodun, TechEdology with CENMAC’s Advisory Teachers David Howard & Wayne McCullough</p> <p>Company: TechEdology Ltd</p> <p>About the seminar: Engineered for users with neuro differences and cognitive challenges, Inspiration 10 is truly a lifelong tool. In this session, we’ll introduce you to the software and explore how users employ Inspiration in study, work and their personal lives. Plus, how organisations use Inspiration to support the Universal Design of Learning principles.</p>
3.30 – 3.55	<p>Seminar name: AT Scholar Program</p> <p>Presenter/s: Tina Voizey, Ace Centre & Robert McLaren, Director of the ATech (Assistive and Accessible Technology) Policy Lab</p> <p>Company: Ace Centre</p> <p>About the seminar: Ace Centre supports those who need AT and the people that help them. From free PDFs to online training, we offer a wide range! We’ll share how to submit to be considered to go to ATIA 2024 in Orlando through the AT Scholar Program and hear from Robert McLaren, previous AT Scholar, about the impact it made on him. Find out more about the scholar program at www.atscholar.co.uk.</p>	<p>Seminar name: Combining speech recognition with AI (Artificial Intelligence) for hands free access</p> <p>Presenter/s: Charlie Danger, OT (Occupational Therapy) Consultant</p> <p>CENMAC young adult: Jozef Miskuf</p> <p>About the seminar: In this session CENMAC young adult Jozef Miskuf will demonstrate how he combines speech recognition with AI for hands free access to access his university computing degree.</p>
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