

Hello all,

May is here and hooray for the light bright mornings and evenings. I have been on the road quite a lot this month and attended a couple of events as well as visiting some more assessment centres. On May 8th myself and my colleague Carl attended Iona Kent and South East's training event and on the 16th May myself my colleagues Parviz and Michael provided a CPD session for Anglia Access Centre on Hearing Impairments.



Iona Event



Iona Kent and South East, independent organisation for needs assessments, held their annual training event in Canterbury on 8th May 2019. The Educational Open Day included exhibitors, speakers and specialist advisors from SFE, HEI support, charities and support groups, wellbeing and the arts, and assistive technology and equipment suppliers. The event was attended by students, parents, tutors, and staff from local universities, colleges and schools.

CPD Session for Anglia Access Centre

Anglia Access Centre asked if we could provide a CPD session on Hearing Impairments for their Assessors. It was the first CPD session myself and my colleagues Michael and Parviz had provided and the session was a success and very informative.

The aim of the session was:

- To provide a better understanding of deafness.
- Understand the impact on hearing loss in education.
- Awareness of other conditions relating to hearing loss.

Objectives of the session where:

- Knowing what Assistive Technology solutions are available
- How Assistive Technology can break down the communication barriers.

Feedback from the session included:

- “Really useful I learnt a lot”
- “Very informative session- Michael is very knowledgeable”
- “Great session”

Message for Assessors

Laptop Specifications

Microlink are including 8GB Ram and a SSD as standard with all WH laptops for DSA students from the 1st May. The decision has been made to improve the performance of the student’s computer provided through the DSA and reduce issues students have been experiencing with slow running computers and software.