

Curriculum Vitae: Mike Thrussell

Profile

Director and Assistive Technology Consultant at access: technology, based in Thirsk, North Yorkshire, specialising in promoting independence through the development of bespoke and innovative technical solutions



Responsible for:

- Carrying out initial assessments of need in clients' home and school environments
- Compiling personalised recommendation reports and costings for Assistive Technology solutions, intervention, development and training
- Attending and contributing toward EHCP review processes and MDT meetings
- Set up and ongoing maintenance of recommended AT solutions
- Parent/staff/carer/school training
- Development and delivery of bespoke intervention sessions designed to ensure clients' confidence and efficiency in using AT solutions
- Regular review of AT provision to support the client in the achievement of current goals and to offer solutions to any anticipated/current barriers to access, independence, learning or entertainment as they arise
- Development of new AT technologies in response to clients' individual needs

Current Caseload:

Supporting Multiple Clients

- between the ages of 4 - 55
- located across the UK
- with acquired brain injury, cerebral palsy, autism, down syndrome, sensory impairments, PMLD, behavioural and social/emotional difficulties
- at home and in both mainstream and special education settings

Supporting Schools:

- evaluating their Assistive Technology provision
- offering advice and guidance regarding both software and hardware solutions pertinent to the effective education of all pupils
- delivering bespoke staff training

Education and Qualifications

University of Huddersfield 2016
PGCert Technology Enhanced Learning

Open University 2011
Using Mathematics

University of Huddersfield 2010
Professional Graduate Certificate in Education

Makaton Foundation 2008
Enhancement Certificate

Leeds Metropolitan University 2005
BSc (Hons) Creative Music & Sound
Technology

Employment

Access: technology
2012 - Present
Assistive Technology Consultant and Director
of access: technology

Henshaws Specialist College
2008 - 2016
Lead Assistive Technologist

Reference available on request