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## What do we offer?

With one of the most experienced and nationally spread teams of Assistive Technology Specialists we can offer the following services for your business:-

**Workplace Assessment** – Our specialist team of workplace assessors are experienced in finding solutions and workplace adjustments for a wide range of disabilities and learning differences such as Visual Impairments, Hearing Impairments, mobility issues and specific learning differences such as Dyslexia and Dyspraxia. Through our practical knowledge and experience we will be able to identify the most appropriate solution for an individual's needs based on an in-depth, role-focussed, assessment report.

**Training** – Giving your employee new tools to help them in the work is only ever half the solution. Enabling them to realise the full potential of the software and equipment that has been provided to them through their workplace assessment is only achieved with great quality, expert training. We can offer desk-side training on many technologies including:-



**Dragon Voice Recognition Software** – Dragon is a voice recognition system that can be installed on any computer to enable the user to talk to and operate their computer “hands free”. This is incredible useful for anyone with mobility problems where using a keyboard and mouse is difficult. Additionally, being able to dictate text can be an

incredible productivity tool for those that struggle to write and spell, for example some individuals with Dyslexia. It's also a great productivity tool for your entire workforce!

**Screen Magnifiers** – For individuals with visual impairments or anyone that struggles to see their computer screen for that matter, software based screen magnifiers such as **Zoomtext, Magic and Supernova** can be an invaluable tool to enabling the user to see the information displayed. These systems enlarge everything on the screen and also give enhancements to aid reading such as colour changing and text to speech functions.



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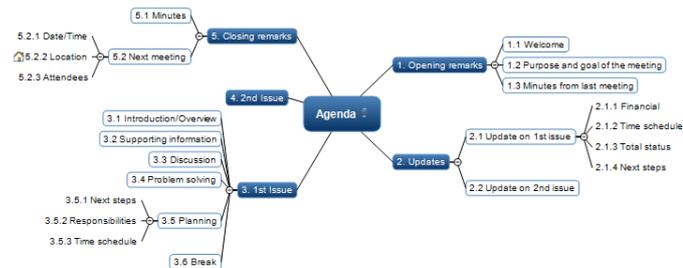


**Literacy and Learning Tools** – There are a number of tools aimed at those with learning differences such as Dyslexia, **Texthelp Read & Write** and **ClaroRead** are two popular ones that we cover. These are

predominantly text to speech applications that allow documents to be read aloud, great for those that struggle with reading speed and understanding. Additionally these tools help in numerous other ways with features such as built in dictionary and thesaurus, advanced spell checking and document summarising tools.

**Mind Mapping** – Mind maps are a powerful visual representation of an individual's thoughts and ideas, they can also be used to break complex systems or procedures down in smaller "bit sized" chunks to help the understanding and organising of many day to day work based tasks.

Applications such as **MindView**, **MindManager** and **Mind Genius**, amongst many others, can aid productivity for any individual but specifically those with learning differences such as Dyslexia and some forms of autism.



**Technologies for Hearing Impaired Individuals** – There are many technological tools that we support that are designed to help hearing impaired individuals in the workplace. Technologies such as the **Phonak Roger Pen** system enable a hearing aid user to hear more clearly in challenging environments. This is an adaptable technology that can be used in a variety of work situations such as one to one communication, meetings, presentations and even telephone based work where hearing callers clearly may be an issue.

***In all, we offer a complete workplace service from assessment through to individual support and training in all of these technologies and many others too.***