



NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

LEICESTER UNIVERSITY

24 - 26 SEPTEMBER 2006

2nd CALL FOR PAPERS

Would you like to contribute to the Communication Matters National Symposium in 2006? The programme will be a mixture of seminars, platform presentations, video presentations, mini-platform presentations and workshops.

Although papers on any topic addressing the needs of people with severe communication impairment are welcome, we are particularly interested in:

- Transitions (from nursery to primary school...to secondary school...to college...to work)

And other topics including:

- The use of AAC with different client populations
- Assessment
- Implementation and intervention, including outcomes and evidence based intervention
- Parent and carer issues
- Using the Internet
- Employment
- Advocacy
- Training
- Care in the community
- AAC and the curriculum
- AAC and the home



Papers can be in the following format:

- ◆ Seminars
- ◆ Video presentations
- ◆ Case studies
- ◆ Research based
- ◆ Traditional platform presentations

We welcome presentations from people who use AAC, family members and professionals.

Please read the guidelines overleaf and send your abstract as an email attachment (preferably in Microsoft Word format), or send a paper copy **and** a copy on floppy disk, to reach the following address by 14 April 2006:

Communication Matters (CM2006 Abstract),
Catchpell House, Carpet Lane, Edinburgh EH6 6SP
Tel: 0845 456 8211

Email (attachments in Microsoft Word format): admin@communicationmatters.org.uk
(All submissions will be acknowledged)

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Please use the layout provided below when making your abstract submission, to reach us by **14 April 2006**. All submissions will be acknowledged; you will be notified of the status of your submission by 31 May 2006. Accepted abstracts will be printed in the conference programme.

Authors whose abstract is accepted will be expected to provide a paper/article for the CM Journal (up to four A4 sides) by 31 October 2006.

Please note that accepted authors will be expected to meet a high standard of presentation at the Symposium (guidelines will be provided). Abstracts must be submitted using the format shown below.

Abstract topics must be relevant to the aims of Communication Matters:

- ◆ To increase awareness, understanding and knowledge of good practice in the field of augmentative and alternative communication for the benefit of people who use AAC.
- ◆ To provide a forum for the exchange of information and ideas for the benefit of people who use AAC.
- ◆ To promote the positive role of AAC in the empowerment of people with complex communication needs.

Abstract Format (Abstracts should be typed and be no more than 400 words)

Title:

Author(s):

Contact details: (name, address, phone & email)

Aim of session:

Summary of key points to be raised:

Learning outcomes for the participants:

Preferred format (please indicate which):

- Seminar (2 hours)
- Platform Presentation (1 hour)
- Mini-Platform Presentation (30 mins)
- Case Study (30 mins)

Please note that your requested session format/length will be considered but you may be asked to provide a longer or shorter session as necessary - you will be informed by 30 June 2006.

Level of Session (please indicate which)

Identify which one of the following levels is most appropriate for your presentation given the nature of your topic and the expected audience:

- Introductory session** — requires no previous knowledge of AAC; assumes participants will have little prior knowledge of the topic.
- General session** — assumes participants have worked with AAC for a few years; session may have more discussion time than an Introductory session.
- Specialist session** — participants will bring their own knowledge and experiences to the session which would be much more participatory in nature.

Age Range / Topic (please indicate which)

Identify which of the following your presentation topic addresses:

- Children Adults All Ages Other (please specify)
- Primary/Secondary school transition Topic of interest to people who use AAC

Information about the presenter:

Include a paragraph on the **presenter's** background/experience/interests - this will help the chair of your session to introduce you.

AV Requirements (please indicate which)

- Overhead Projector Slide Projector Video Playback & TV
- Computer LCD Projector for PC Computer LCD Projector for Mac
- Flip Chart Additional Table Other (please specify)
- I will need Internet Access I will bring my own computer

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