



NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

LEICESTER UNIVERSITY, 24 - 26 SEPTEMBER 2006

OPEN DISCUSSION SESSIONS

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Open Discussion Sessions are intended to provide delegates with a forum for exchanging information on AAC topics of current interest.

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.

Discussion 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.

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

Title:

Name:

Contact details: (address, phone & email)

Aim of Open Discussion session:

Summary of key points to be raised:

Learning outcomes for the participants:

Format: Open Discussion (1 hour)

Level of Session (please indicate which)

Identify which one of the following levels is most appropriate for the Open Discussion session 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**

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**

Please email your Open Discussion abstract as an attachment (in Microsoft Word format), or send a paper copy and a copy on floppy disk, to reach us by 14 April 2006 (all submissions will be acknowledged):

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