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Happy Christmas to all from Inspired Services!

Welcome to the December edition of *@inspired*.

Every month we will share with you some news, comment and of course some more top tips to help you make your information more accessible.

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News

Wishing you a very happy (and carbon neutral) Christmas!



At Inspired we are pleased to say we are trying hard to be carbon neutral and now have an active action plan to reduce our footprint with the **Carbon Trust**.



As a part of that plan we are buying trees instead of sending Christmas cards this year.



So we are taking this opportunity to wish all of our customers and friends a very Merry Christmas and a happy carbon neutral 2009!

Your Zone area at Learning Disability Today



We were proud to host **Your Zone** at Learning Disability Today and it proved to be a huge success.



Your Zone was designed to be the Garden in the City – a place to pull up a chair and chat. Our colourful garden backdrop, grass floor and garden furniture (kindly provided by sponsors Genesis and Capital Gardens) really made the Zone come alive.

Learning Disability Today competition winners



Competition winners

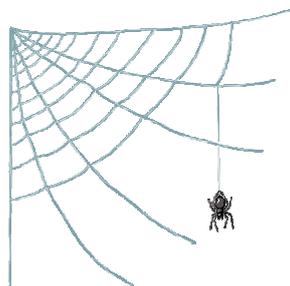
There was the chance to win some great prizes in the **Your Zone** competitions.

ClipArt's Next Top Model

Entrants had their photographs taken posing with different emotions. The winners had their pictures turned into Valuing People ClipArt and were chosen by our own Making It Easier Group.

The winners are Laura Sparrowhawk from London, Angela Poulton from London, Luis Cabezas from Hampshire, Paul Rickson from Wokingham, Gurveer Sohanpal from Herne Bay, and Linda Green from Banstead.

Congratulations! They will soon be presented with the framed pictures of themselves and copies of the new FlashDrive edition of the 2009 ClipArt.



The Word Wide Web competition

Like all good gardens we had a huge spider's web, and visitors were invited to put their wishes for the future up onto our **Word Wide Web**.

At the end of the day Anne Williams, the government's new head of Learning Disability, visited the stand to read the many things people had said about what they wanted for their own and others' lives. David Ellis from the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) was invited to draw the winning ticket.

The winner of the Flip video camera (sponsored by Craegmoor) was Catherine Keogh from London. Her wish was "to have my own flat and independence and NO staff!"

Other wishes included "I wish for my own house with a garden", "To get married", "I wish staff had time to listen to me", "I want a job", "I want to learn more about my personalised budget" and "professionals to use less jargon".



Learning Disability Today workshops



We had 5 short Workshops run by and for people with learning disabilities. These leading edge workshops raised some significant issues.

Richard West talked passionately about being black and having a learning disability – and that this can mean double the hate crime! (see blogs for more).



Eve Rank talked about her campaign Who Cares For Us? And a new accessible assessment she had helped develop.



Pat Charlesworth asked people **“Would you Complain?”** and showed her video helping people with learning disabilities to say when things are wrong.



Vicki and Rob from Craegmoor talked about how they had found out what people wanted from support workers and how Inspired had helped them put it on video for all to see.



Finally the **OurSay** editors talked about what it is like to produce a magazine by and for people with learning disabilities.

The NEW Valuing People ClipArt collection, 2009 Version



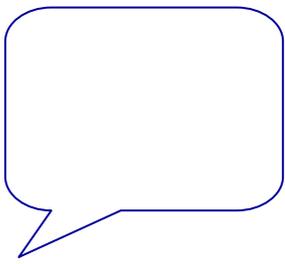
The 2009 Valuing People ClipArt Collection is now on Flashdrive!



Ever thought about your whole organisation having access to ClipArt, but thought it too expensive?

We are currently offering some great deals on network licences. Please ring for details.





Comment

Andrew's Latest Blogs



Andrew's latest blogs talk about the sham of Learning Disability Parliaments and he guesses correctly which group has been left out of the Michael's inquiry recommendations on healthcare.

"I have restrained myself from comment on the growth of 'learning disability parliaments' for some time as I honestly thought they would go away."

[Read more here](#)

"At last night's meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Group on learning disability, I got the chance to ask Sir Jonathan Michaels a question about his report on the health of people with learning disabilities."

[Read more here](#)

What people say about our services



"Thank you for your presentation last week at partners. It was great as always. The participants' evaluations were very positive and all enjoyed your presentation."

-Partners in Policy Making Nov 2008



"Everyone loves the report and I am extremely pleased with it. Overall, I think it looks fantastic."

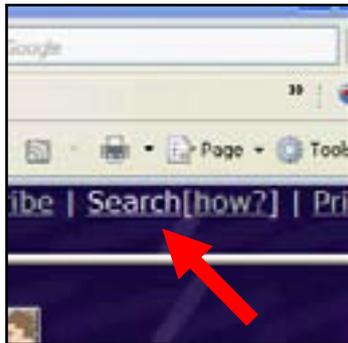
-Katie Hanson, Ofcom

To read more comments from our satisfied customers, [click here](#).



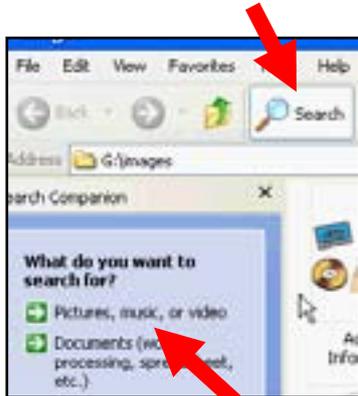
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Searching the NEW Valuing People ClipArt Collection



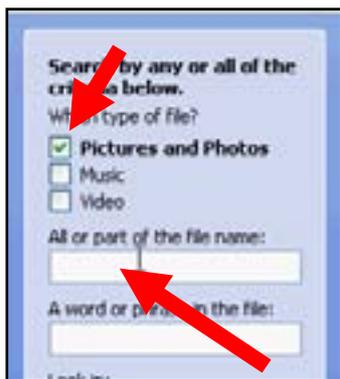
To make searching through the 2000 images in the new Valuing People ClipArt Collection easier, we have included a search function in the design. Now it's even quicker and easier to find the image you're looking for.

To start your image search, just click the "Search" link at the top of the page. This will open a new page.



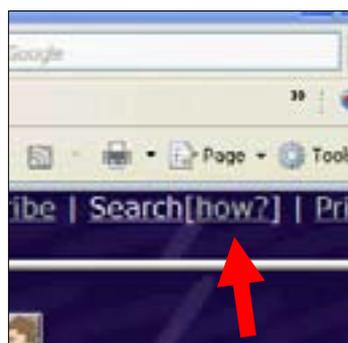
On the new page, click the "Search" button at the top of the page. The column on the left of the page will change to look like the image on the left here.

Click the "pictures, music, or video" option.



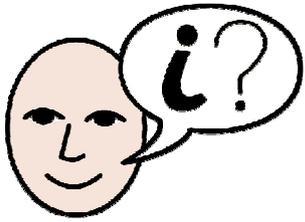
A new menu will open which looks like the image on the left. Tick the box marked "pictures and photos", then type a keyword into the first box (for example "accessible" or "children") and click "Search".

The engine will then search the entire collection and display every image that matches your keyword in the main window.



There are other advanced options for searching as well. To learn more, just click the "How?" link next to "Search" in the main window of the collection.

Please note that due to some technical issues with Mozilla Firefox, we recommend customers use Microsoft Internet Explorer when browsing the ClipArt Collection.

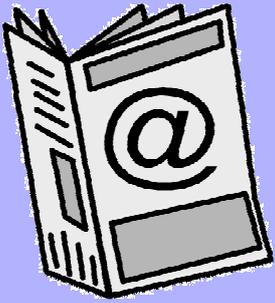


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