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Person Centred Technology in the workplace

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**Technology Works is a European conference that will examine the use of Person Centred Technology (PCT) in the workplace.**

Having a job is important to people on many levels; it increases income, independence and self-worth. However many disabled people are denied these opportunities by the barriers that can prevent them entering and maintaining employment.

The person-centred use of technology can ensure disabled people reach their full potential in work and greatly increases employment possibilities for disabled people and employers.

### Technology Works will:

- **explore the significance, issues and application of Person Centred Technology in employment and vocational training settings;**
- **showcase good practice, highlight policy and practice issues in Wales and the UK;**
- **offer delegates the chance to share and discuss their experiences and views.**

The conference will be of interest to disabled people, advice and support agencies, supported employment agencies, commissioners, service providers, employers and trade union representatives.

### ImPaCT in Europe - Improving Person Centred Technology in Europe

**Technology Works** is part of **ImPaCT in Europe**, a 3 year project partnership to facilitate the development and introduction of Person Centred Technology in Europe. The project is sponsored by the European Commission's Lifelong Learning Programme. For more information visit [www.impact-in-europe.eu](http://www.impact-in-europe.eu)

### What we mean by Person Centred Technology

Person Centred Technology is technology that supports an individual or their carer to gain greater control in achieving independence and safety. It includes, but is not limited to, Electronic Assistive Technologies, Environmental Controls, Telecare, Telehealth and Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

## Outline of the day

- 9.00 **Registration**
- 9.45 Welcome from the Chair: Jim Crowe, Director, **Learning Disability Wales**
- 9:50 Overview of ImPaCT project: Miriana Giraldi, Project Coordinator, **EASPD**
- 10.00 Video stories from people using PCT in work
- 10.05 Opening Speaker: Steve Vaughan, Head of Assessment Commissioning & Partnership, **Welsh Assembly Government**
- 10.25 The experiences of individuals in the workplace: Geraint Bevan, Team Manager, **Digital Accessibility Centre**
- 10.45 'Working Better' - findings on the EHRC policy initiative on disabled people in the workplace: Nick Lambert, Legal Policy Manager Wales, **Equality and Human Rights Commission**
- 11.05 **Break**
- 11.35 Discussion Session 1: **What do employees need from employers?**
- 12.15 Video stories from people using PCT in work
- 12.20 The employers' perspective: Dr Nasser Siabi, Director, **Microlink PC**
- 12.40 Discussion Session 2: **What support do employers need?**
- 13.20 **Lunch**
- 14:20 PCT on a shoestring: Pete Russell, Head of Community Solutions, **Community Lives**
- 14.40 Video stories from people using PCT in work
- 14.45 The perspective from support agencies: Andrea Kennedy, Technical Auditor, **Shaw Trust**
- 15.05 Discussion Session 3: **What strategies are needed to increase the use of PCT in employment?**
- 15.45 **Break**
- 16.15 Video stories from people using PCT in work
- 16.20 Ways to Employment through New Media: Andy Minnion, Director, **the Rix Centre**, University of East London
- 16.40 Plenary debate & Closing remarks
- 17.00 **Finish**

\*This agenda may be subject to change

### Fees (including VAT)

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Learning Disability Wales non members	£60	€68
Disabled person	£24	€28
Parent or unpaid carer/assistant	£24	€28
Paid carer/assistant to someone else attending	£24	€28

To secure your place at this important conference please complete and return the attached booking form. For more information contact Rebecca Watkins, Learning Disability Wales, Tel 029 2068 1161 email [rebecca.watkins@learningdisabilitywales.org.uk](mailto:rebecca.watkins@learningdisabilitywales.org.uk) web [www.learningdisabilitywales.org.uk](http://www.learningdisabilitywales.org.uk)

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