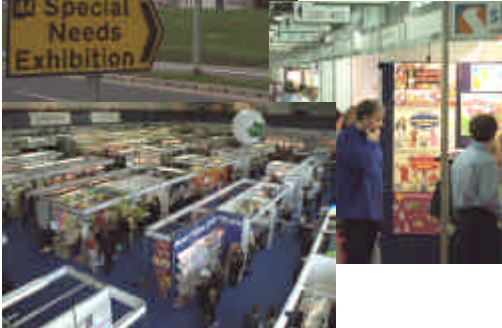


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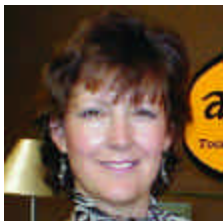
Presidents' Presentations



Meet the **CEOs** and **Presidents** of the four major US special needs corporations; hear the learning strategies behind their current product ranges and preview new products coming soon.

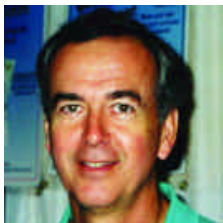
We would like those invited to the **Key Presentations** at 11:30 or 13:30 to join us for a **buffet lunch** where they can meet our American guests in an informal setting.

Arjan Khalsa is CEO of IntelliTools. His enthusiasm and vision have made him an active leader in the field of assistive technology as well as an informative, entertaining and motivational public speaker. Arjan's background is in education and curriculum development. After a number of years as a classroom teacher and educational researcher at UC Berkley, Arjan joined IntelliTools where he led the team which designed IntelliKeys. Arjan became CEO in 1991.



Cheryl Volkman is AbleNet's President and CEO. AbleNet is well known for BigMack and other communicators and their market leading range of switches. Cheryl has led her company towards whole learning strategies which make a difference to learners with severe and complex difficulties and give an overall meaning and direction to a superb range of resources - now in a catalogue arranged like a school day.

Ruth Ziolkowski is the President of Don Johnston Incorporated. This company has long been leaders in physical access to the computer. They publish the industry standard writing products - Co:Writer and Write:OutLoud as well as a wide range of literacy products that address the needs of emerging readers, students with learning disabilities and students with dyslexia.



Terry Johnson is CEO and President of Mayer-Johnson. In America and much of the world, Mayer-Johnson PCS Symbols *are* symbol communication and BoardMaker is *the* communication display maker. The Mayer-Johnson range has expanded to lead the whole non-verbal communication market. Mayer-Johnson is the originator of the Picture Communication Symbols (PCS) which are used in authoring programs and speech devices for augmentative communication.

These top American Special Needs Companies are also running product presentations, see over.



To find out more about this event, call ICT on 0800 9756090

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Presidents' Key Presentations to an invited audience
plus, meet them all informally at our adjoining buffet lunch at 12:30 each day

11:30 Tuesday 22 May 2001

Success in the Diverse Classroom



Arjan Khalsa, CEO IntelliTools Inc.

Today's classrooms are more diverse than ever. Our schools are multi-cultural and multi-lingual. They include students with a range of physical and cognitive abilities. This is true on both sides of the Atlantic. It is hard to meet every student's needs. Technology can certainly help.

IntelliTools has conducted significant studies in the use of assistive technology to address early literacy and elementary Maths skills. Research subjects included students with learning disabilities and physical disabilities.

Arjan Khalsa will discuss the encouraging results in the context of a motivating presentation on how this technology can be used to bring differentiated instruction to your classroom. Be prepared to participate in some fun, interactive, off-line activities!

13:30 Tuesday 22 May 2001

Expect More ... Achieve More!
 Reading & Writing Technology
 Interventions that make Struggling
 Students Successful!



Ruth Ziolkowski, President Don Johnston Inc.

Students with special needs, more than any other students, realize the greatest benefits from technology. Effective technology tools that address the full range of literacy issues allow them to break through barriers that have prohibited them from becoming successful readers and writers. Don Johnston Incorporated, the leader in Learning Intervention Resources, has the broadest range of intervention and skill building tools for struggling students. Our focus is literacy - the core skill set necessary to promote successful learning. Come and learn how technology intervention products are tools being used by students and teachers who are experiencing reading and writing success.

11:30 Wednesday 23 May 2001

Meeting Severe and Complex
 Needs with Simple Technology



Cheryl Volkman, President and CEO AbleNet Inc.

AbleNet strive to increase the variety and depth of opportunities students have to work, learn and play. Meaningful participation encourages meaningful relationships, learning and growth.

At this presentation we share collected stories on how others have used simple technology to meet the specific needs of students with severe/profound disabilities in included and self contained classrooms. We will share some of these stories, learn about some of the most frequently used products and see a video tape of a pre-school in the United States. This pre-school made their students the centre of learning and fun with the use of great teaching techniques in conjunction with simple-to-use products from AbleNet.

13:30 Wednesday 23 May 2001

A Brief History of PCS Symbols
 How this Industry Standard Symbol
 Set is used for Early Intervention,
 Basic Skills and Literacy



Terry Johnson, CEO and President Mayer-Johnson Inc.



The Picture Communication Symbols (PCS) were originally developed for augmentative communication, but are now used to make materials for early intervention, pre-school, basic skills, inclusion, adult workshops and literacy. A brief history and discussion of the PCS and their educational role will be followed by a demonstration of Mayer-Johnson products including *BoardMaker* and *Speaking Dynamically Pro*.

Presidents' Product Presentations

10:30 Tuesday 22 May 2001



This session will feature Windows versions of BoardMaker (new and greatly improved v5.0), Speaking Dynamically Pro (for communication and inclusion), as well as the School Fonts (for emerging writers), Picture Sentence Key (for language skills) and Writing With Symbols (literacy).

14:30 Tuesday 22 May 2001



AbleNet offers practical products and creative solutions for teaching children and adults with severe and complex disabilities. Come and try out our products and view our books and materials that help to inspire fun and meaningful learning experiences for teachers and students alike. The products that will be demonstrated are the AbleNet switches, BIGmack, Step-by-Step communicator, PowerLink 3 and the new TalkTrac.

10:30 Wednesday 23 May 2001



The newest in reading and writing tools for struggling readers and writers! Students face many barriers to reading and writing. They may lack the skills to comprehend, to decode, to plan or organize their thoughts. Come and explore intervention strategies that result in successful readers and writers. We'll share tips and techniques for supporting struggling students.

14:30 Wednesday 23 May 2001



IntelliTools brings its "Next Generation" to the UK! IntelliTools, Inc. has been pioneering a new generation of technology solutions in the USA for the past year. Now, these software and hardware innovations are coming to the UK. IntelliTalk II, IntelliMathics and IntelliKeys USB all feature universal access, student portfolios and a level of curriculum integration that is a generation ahead of our past offerings.

These presentations support SpecialNeedsIT part of Special Needs North at the Reebok Stadium, Bolton. Junction 6 on the M61



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