

A Quick Guide to the ICE (Inclusive Communications Essex) Resource Service

The role of the ICE Resource Service is to aid communication for learning disabled adults and children, their families and carers. It is based at Witham Library.

All the ICE resources are on the ELAN catalogue, so customers can place a hold on them as with any other item of library stock, and have it delivered to the library of their choice for collection.

Items available to borrow include:

- Free to borrow DVDs (such as Mr Tumble) to learn Makaton signs
- Free to borrow books (aimed more at the parent or carer)
- Free to borrow resources from the low tech (flashcards) to the high tech (including portable electronic communicators which allow you to record words or phrases that play back at the touch of a button) (see below)

Any library member can borrow the books and DVDs; to borrow the other resources a special category of library card (ICE USER) is needed.

This card category lets members borrow any 5 items of ICE stock, free of charge, for 8 weeks. Anyone with a learning disability, their parent or carer or those working with learning disabilities can have an ICE library card as well as a regular library card. Other library stock cannot be borrowed on this card.

Search for “Inclusive communication resources” on the classic catalogue to see full range of material available, see below for more detail about the equipment.

There is also The ICE website (www.essexice.co.uk)

This has more information about the ICE service including a list of resources to borrow with links to the catalogue and a library of watch-online signing videos so you can learn simple common signs as well as links to partner organisations and more information.

The whole site is fully accessible and is designed so that someone with learning difficulties could use many parts of it for themselves. The website is free for anyone to use, including non-library members, but if they register online to become an ‘ICE User’ for the website they will have access to more resources including clip art and photosymbols that can be used with the loan equipment.

Information cards are available for customers with details about all that ICE offers – please contact the Resources Service if you would like some.

**For more information about ICE please contact Jason Boyce, ICE (Inclusive Communications Essex) Resources Manager
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Electronic Equipment for loan



Super Talker

A powerful, yet easy to use voice output device SuperTalker can be configured with one, two, four and eight messages, allowing it to change with an individual's needs and abilities.



QuickTalker New easy-to-use, go-anywhere communicator!

Key Features

- * Easy-to-use
- * Durable construction
- * 3 types, available with **7, 12, and 23** option buttons
- * Built-in handle for easy portability
- * Built-in symbols storage



GoTalk Pocket

The **GoTalk Pocket** is small and lightweight and easy to carry in your hand or pocket. It has 6 message keys with 5 levels giving a total of 30 messages.

Overlays slide in over the buttons, and are easily changed when switching levels. They are stored in a removable compartment in the back of the unit when not being used. Also available as **Go Talk20+** with 20 message keys

Talking Photo Album



A very simple to use device with many uses. Each of the 24 'pages' can hold a 4"x6" photograph, or symbol, or magazine cut-out etc. Each page can record up to 20 seconds of message which can be played back by simply squeezing the play button.

Ideal for story telling, instructions, recipes and much, much more! Why not borrow "*Creative ways to use talking photo albums*" at the same time?

The iTalk2

The iTalk2 dual-message communicator gives the freedom to choose between two activities, such as listening to music or a story.



The iTalk2 has 2 large durable buttons, with an easily removable clear plastic cover. This is ideal for inserting photographs or symbols below the cover.

iTalk2 is also perfect for asking and answering questions, telling jokes and making comments in social situations. With 2 minutes of recording time, the possibilities are endless.

It also offers the option to add a toy or appliance for immediate positive reinforcement and to enhance messages

Also available are **digital cameras**, **laminators** and **digital camcorders**. These are not on Vubis - Contact ICE Resources Centre directly for more information about these –



Story Sequencer

Create talking stories, class timetables or questions and answer games on this recordable bar.



Simple to use children or teachers can slot in up to six of their own images or words and then record a corresponding 10 second message per slot, and then just press to play back!

Ideal for hanging on the wall and perfect for sequencing activities e.g.: the events of the story

The **VoicePod** is incredibly easy to use, firstly, you put the information you want into the sleeve, for example: language cards with words or phrases, symbols with text, or photos that tell a story.



You then slide the sleeve into VoicePod and record up to a nine second message. A record/lock feature prevents accidental erasures. Once you have recorded your messages on the sleeves, you can then play the corresponding message by sliding the sleeve into the pod.

GoTalk One



An easy to use single message talker. Record up to 20 seconds of your message with a covered space to add a photo or symbol. Single large button to operate beneath picture.

No Touch Talker

This single message talker does not require actual contact to activate



the message. Even a slight movement near the unit activates the motion sensitive device.

You can record up to a 10 second message so it can be used to seek attention, ask for assistance or make comments. Using 2 can develop simple choice making and encourage individuals to move towards a target.



Time Cue

A single message speech output device that's linked to a digital clock. You can record a message and set it to the play it back at the right time. Ideal for reminders, schedules etc. Space for a picture/symbol as an additional cue.

LITTLEmack Communicator



Record any single message directly into the LittleMack and press its large activation surface for up to 2 minutes of playback
Activation surface: 65mm diameter



BIGmack Communicator

As the Littlemack, but bigger.
Activation surface: 127mm diameter

Big-Point



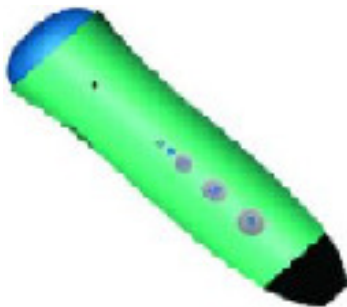
Able to record 30 seconds of sound, Big Points are recordable for 30 seconds and have clear Perspex, removable shell on the front to enable the user to put in their own images, fabrics, words or numbers



Big Button Communicator

This communicator with easy touch activation has a 40 message capacity.

PENpal

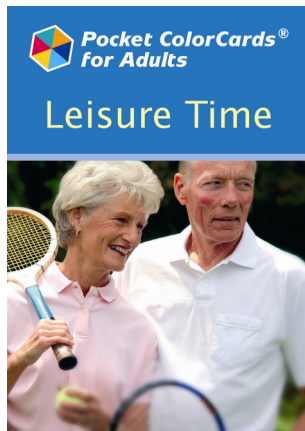


The PENpal brings sound to paper. When the pen touches a poster or a book that is pen-enabled, it speaks. The pen detects soundspots on any page in a book or on any graphics on the poster and plays back narrations, questions, answers, quizzes, music or sound effects - whatever audio has been pre-programmed into the paper.

Learning and Inclusion Aids

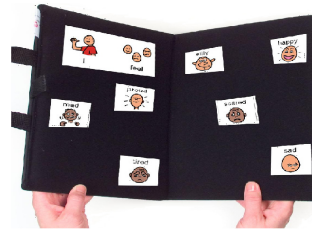
Pocket ColourCards

These pocket sized set of flashcards - comparable in size and quality to a good pack of playing cards - are designed to support teaching and therapeutic input. Each set contains 18 cards printed with different images on both sides.



Portable Bifold Communication Folder

A picture communication/choice folder for use with Velcro backed pictures, images etc. Lightweight and durable, with handle for easy carrying, we have different sizes for every use!



You can custom make learning games whilst children have fun moving the colourful cars "Down Literacy Street".



The cars are equipped with "hooks" enabling them to stick to road
You can attach pictures or words to the front of cars and/or to the road
Use can them make up games to review vocabulary, sequential concepts, spelling, reading or to create sentences
Game includes 3 ft x 8 in road and 8 removable cars