Inclusivity and Assistive Technologies, enabling all to participate.

Date: Tuesday 26th June

Time: 10am to 3.30pm. Please bring your own lunch - drinks will be provided.

Venue: University of Nottingham, George Green Library, University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2RD

Description:

Overview

This event will explore inclusivity and assistive technologies focusing on how libraries can support an inclusive agenda using technologies and e-resources to benefit all students.

Speakers/Workshops

We have speakers from **Jisc** and **Ability Net** - both leading charities in this field, and presentations by colleagues from Warwick and DeMontfort. The afternoon workshop, facilitated by **Alistair McNaught** from Jisc, will provide an opportunity to take part in an audit of the accessibility statements of ebook publishers and aggregators, as part of a wider national ebook audit.

Facilitated discussion

We would also like to provide a platform for discussion and hope that you will send any questions about this area of support to the Mercian Disability Forum in advance of the event: this will enable us to make the most of the time on the day. Please submit any ideas for discussion to the MDF Chair, **Beck Maguire**, at beck.maguire@nottingham.ac.uk

Over lunch, there will be an opportunity to discuss the services which AbilityNet provide, and to take a tour of the George Green Library.

Audience:

This event is aimed at Library staff interested in creating an inclusive environment.

Booking:

Contact your Mercian Disability Forum representative, or book online tickets: **Eventbrite Mercian Disability Forum - Inclusion, Back to Basics!** by Friday 14th June. Places limited to 3 per institution initially.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/inclusion-back-to-basics-inclusivity-and-assistive-technologies-tickets-46750428791?aff=es2

Travel Information:

Information on how to find University Park Campus is available at:

http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/about/visitorinformation/mapsanddirections/universityparkcampus.aspx

For a detailed map of the campus which shows where George Green Library is located (Building Number 24) please see:

https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/sharedresources/documents/mapuniversitypark.pdf

If you are driving onto campus, please use one of our Pay and Display car parks (the main visitor car park is just up the hill from George Green and is clearly marked with a PD on the map).

Once you arrive, please just report to the entry desk in the Library and our staff will be happy to help.

Further enquiries:

Contact Beck Maguire, beck.maguire@nottingham.ac.uk

Agenda

10.00 – 10.15: **Welcome and Introduction to the day** – tea and coffee

10.15 - 11.00: **Keynote Address** - Alistair McNaught (Jisc)

Viewed from above – the central role of librarians in fostering an inclusive culture.

The traditional way of supporting disabled students has fundamental flaws. No matter how excellent the disability support service is, the traditional support model is unsustainable, potentially divisive, and may unwittingly perpetuate the barriers that create the disabling environment. The way libraries sit at the heart of independent learning gives them a unique 'view from above' and an ability to influence institution-wide practices. Using examples as diverse as Jisc's Accessibility Snapshot and David of Thessalonika, this session will aim to stir up the warrior in every librarian.

11.00 – 1.00: **Assistive technology**

- **Session 1**: Laura Waller (Warwick) Introduction to Read and Write Gold
- **Session 2**: Carol Keddie and Jina Ali (DMU) Mind Mapping - introducing mind mapping software in library teaching sessions to all students
- **Session 3** - AbilityNet - Free apps, 'My Computer My Way'

1.00 – 1.45: **Lunch** (Ability Net to stay for Q&A during lunch, plus tours of the George Green Library are on offer)

1.45 – 2.45: **Ebook Audit Workshop** (Alistair McNaught)

The 2016 ASPIRE ebook audit is a crowd-sourced project designed to provide the quality of labelling you expect to see in food (is this pie suitable for a lactose intolerant vegetarian?) in an e-book context (will these books be suitable for a text to speech user?).

We'll facilitate you in taking part in an audit of the accessibility statements of as many publishers and aggregators as you can fit into the time available. The last audit involved 33 universities and nearly a hundred participants. We'd like to double those numbers and provide a public database of publisher scores that will prove the desire of information professionals to get the information they need to support their end users. Be part of something big, and something valuable.

2.45 - 2.55: **Break**

2.55 - 3.25: **Panel Q & A**. The Mercian Disability Forum will facilitate a discussion about inclusivity and assistive technologies and welcome questions prior to the event. Please submit any ideas for discussion to the MDF Chair, Beck Maguire at beck.maguire@nottingham.ac.uk

3.25 - 3.30: **Closing remarks**