


About the group and How to Join

 This is an [easy-read](#) version of our User Group. Please take a look at our other pages if you want more detailed information.

Our group is about supporting people like you who use assistive technology. This may be a computer to help you talk or equipment like a switch to access the computer. Or maybe you use pictures and point to them. We want you to help make this equipment better for everyone but we also want you to have the chance to meet others like you.

Things You Can Do in Our Group

Talking About What's Important

- **Help Us Decide:** We work on many projects and need your help deciding what's most important.
- **Your Ideas Matter:** Tell us your thoughts about new research and products. Your ideas can help make things better for everyone.

Social Events

- **Meet Up Once a Year:** We'll have a big meeting yearly. You can meet other members, share your technology, and talk about your experiences. We'll provide a place to meet and have lunch.
- **Your Meeting, Your Way:** These meetings are for you. You can help decide what we talk about.

Research Network

- **Your Experience is Valuable:** We have many questions that only you can answer. If you agree, we can ask you these questions.
- **Join Our Research List:** You can choose to be part of research studies. Tell us what kind of research you're interested in, and we'll keep you updated.

Trying New Equipment

- **Test and Tell:** If you want to try new technology and share your thoughts, we'd love to hear from you. Your feedback can help others.

Helping with Our Resources

- **Make Our Resources Better:** We create materials for everyone. You can help us make sure they are easy to use and understand.

Working Together on Services

- **Shape Our Services:** Your experience can help improve services like training and treatment. Share your thoughts and help us make things better.

Online Discussion Forum

- **Talk Online:** Should we have an online place to chat and share ideas? What should it look like? You can help us decide.

Join the Group

What We Need From You

- **Filling a Form:** When you join us, you'll fill out a simple form.
- **Your Information is Safe:** We keep your details safe, just like it says in our [Privacy Policy](#).

We're Here to Help

- **Need Help?:** If you want to join, we can talk about the form together. You can [email us](#) anytime.

You Choose How to Join In

- **Your Choice:** You can do lots of things like chat in emails or join meetings. Or you can do just a little, like help with research. It's your choice!

Keeping Your Information

- **Only What We Need:** We only keep the important information about you.
- **Safe and Secure:** We keep it safe and only for as long as we need it.
- **Your Permission:** We won't give your information to anyone else unless you say it's okay.
- **Your Rights:** You have rights over your information. To learn more, read our [Privacy Policy](#). If you have questions, email dpo@acecentre.org.uk.

Examples of What You Might Do

1. Answering Questions for Research

- **We Ask If You're Interested:** If we have a study, we'll see if you want to join. We'll contact you the way you like - phone, email, or letter.
- **Your Choice to Join:** If you're interested, you'll get more details and a form to say it's okay to join.
- **Privacy Matters:** We only share what's needed and with your okay.

2. Giving Your Opinion to Us

- **Join a Group Chat:** We might invite you to talk about making our services better.
- **No Pressure:** It's okay if you don't want to. We won't keep asking.

Want to Join?

- **Sign Up Here:** [Join our group](#)
- **Need some help?** Contact Michael or Will