

**Welcome to  
ACE Centre North  
Network Day  
2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008**

# What's happening at ACE Centre North



- Congratulations to Andy and Mandy who got married on 4<sup>th</sup> July
- Hayley Power joining us in the new Year
- We will be advertising two new permanent posts to be involved in service delivery in the New Year.  
Watch our website for further information...

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- Assessment, Training, Advice & Information Services
  - Assistive Technology Unit 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2009
- Service Level Agreements for authorities, PCTs and schools
- Projects, inc
  - **Let's All Play**
  - **Communication Aids for Adults (North West only)**
  - **No Speech, but Lots to Say**
  - **Access to AT and AAC**
  - **SENCo Project – Greater Manchester**
  - **Home Access Pilot Study**

# Bercow Review



- Child Health Strategy and Bercow Implementation Plan delayed by Haringey Independent Report
- Recommendations are likely to include further promotion of models of good practice in AAC provision, how to encourage commissioners to invest in AAC, etc but no additional funding for AAC
- AAC is expected to be embedded in every recommendation, including workforce development, commissioning arrangements and Bercow Review pathfinders
- Communication Council and Communication Champion to be appointed

# Promoting better AAC and AT provision



- Launch of new Scope 'No Voice, No Choice' report  
[www.time-to-get-equal.org.uk/communication](http://www.time-to-get-equal.org.uk/communication)
- Communication Matters' Downing Street Event
- CM Study Day in Manchester
  - **AAC STUDY DAY - 2009**  
**Enabling Children with Complex Communication Needs to Tell Stories**  
Manchester, 28 January 2009

# Today's Programme



10.00 – 11.00	<b>Anna Reeves</b> – Welcome and introduction <b>Mick Thomas</b> – Home Access Programme update	
11.00 – 11.45	<b>Jenny Herd</b> ‘Parents eye view’ of having a child who uses AAC and some of the issues to be dealt with	
11..45-12	<b>Coffee</b>	
12.00	<b>– What’s New?</b> Andy will give an insight into some of the latest Assistive Technology software, hardware and communication aids.	
12.30	<b>Lunch</b>	
1.30	<b>Hecto Minto - Possum Controls</b> A demonstration of how digital photo frames can be used in a variety of different ways for assessment, reinforcement and learning	
2.30	<b>C. B. Andy Banns, Alan Standerwick &amp; Steve Carroll – ACE Centre North</b>  The latest in voice recognition. An exploration of the issues with both commercially and freely available software	<b>D. Andrea Kirton &amp; Zoe Robertson</b> Talk to the Hand! Shares the experience of setting up a communication group for teenagers using age appropriate communication activities.
3.30	<b>– Lisa Farrand &amp; Andrea McGuinness – ACE Centre North</b> A discussion forum on the use of AAC with adult acquired disorders. Participants will be invited to share their own experiences	