ACCESS

ACCESS project has lift off in Budapest!

Kickoff meeting for exciting new adult IT education project

NGOs from Hungary, Slovenia, Sweden and the UK are working together to produce a first ever English course dedicated to people with learning disabilities to help them use the internet safely and improve their chances of employment, whilst making friends over the internet. Computers and English – made simple and safe – all in one go! How fantastic is that? Yet that is exactly what the ACCESS project is going to do.

Using the Internet safely

It is really important that people understand that the internet is not always a safe and friendly place! There are some people who will try to trick you into sharing information which they can then use against you. They might try to steal your money or even pretend to be you! Also, some people on the internet may seem to be friends, but then can say horrible things about you too and abuse you. So we have come up with some good advice for you all to help you spot these tricks and keep yourself and your personal information safe.

Let's just get started!

Guided English language lessons

Using the Internet safely

We will create a series of simple English conversations, aimed at helping people with learning disabilities express themselves over the web. For example, they could do this in writing / text (eg instant messaging, emails, textings, SMS, Facebook Messenger, Viber, WhatsApp, Skype, Twitter etc). Some might prefer not to use text very much (a few emoticons can say a lot of things!) or simply stick to audio and/or video options (eg FB, Google's Allo, Snapchat, Skype, Kik, Facetime etc). Whatever they choose to use, if they are talking to people from other countries – then they will probably need to speak in English. ACCESS will give them a helping hand, teaching them simple English so they can hold a 'conversation' with someone. See below for some of the areas we will cover.

How do I turn it on?

Sometimes the simplest questions can defeat us – but don't worry! We have got this and the following covered in our module on the 'essentials of IT'.

How do I keep it charged up?

How do I get online?

How do I download an app?

How do I send an email?

...and many more questions like that!

There will be lessons on things like:
- Keeping your passwords safe.
- Not giving out personal information.
- Remembering almost everything on the internet can be seen by someone else.
- Things may not be as they seem and people may not be who they say they are!
- Buying things on the internet, things to look out for.
- How to say 'no' on the internet and blocking people or sites.
- General tips to follow on how to be safe on the internet.
- What to do if something is not right.
- Basics of internet etiquette.
- Explaining some of the terminology specific to internet safety issues' eg:
  - 'scams'
  - Phishing/smishing'
  - 'whale attacks',
  - 'identity theft',
  - 'malware'
  - 'texting and sexting' etc.

Our 'Basic English' course

Here are some of the topics we will cover:

NB Deciding how much (or how little) to reveal to others about yourself online, and how you might choose who to share it with (and who <u>not</u> to share it with) is an important part of the project!

Interested & want to know more? Simple - just contact one of our project partners below

Hand in Hand Foundation is the project leader and budget holder. Based in Budapest, Hungary, HIHF specialises in educational social care and training projects. HIHF will create user friendly versions of the learning materials in the ACCESS project. For more info visit: http://www.kezenfogva.hu/

CUDV-Draga is an umbrella organization for people with special needs. CUDV will produce the easy read version of the internat safety materials and pilot the ACCESS project materials in Slovenia. For more info visit: http://www.center-db.si/

FUB Stockholm is a Swedish NGO supporting people with learning disabilities and their families. FUB will be creating the modules covering all the basic essentials of IT and piloting the materials in Sweden. For more info visit: www.fubstockholm.se/

Social Care Training Ltd specialises in producing training for staff who support people with learning disabilities. In the ACCESS project SCT will be responsible for devising the Basic English Lessons. For more info visit: www.sctltd.eu