

# Inclusive Communication Essex



## Catalogue of Resources

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

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

All the ICE resources are on the general libraries catalogue, so customers can place an order for an item, the same as with any other library book. It will then be delivered to the library of their choice for collection.

### **Items available to borrow include:**

- DVDs (such as Mr Tumble) and books
- Support books (aimed more at the parent or carer)
- Communication resources from low tech flashcards to high tech, including portable electronic communicators which allow you to record words or phrases that play back at the touch of a button. These are listed below.

All items are free to borrow from any library. You just need to ask for an **ICE User** library card and this will give you access to our entire range of resources.

This card will let you 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. You cannot borrow normal library books and DVDs on this card.

Search for "ICE resources" on the classic catalogue <http://librarycatalogue.essex.gov.uk/> to see full range of material available, see below for more detail about the equipment.

The **ICE website** ([www.essexice.co.uk](http://www.essexice.co.uk)) has more information about the ICE service including a list of resources to borrow with links to the catalogue. There is also a library of signing video clips so you can learn simple, common signs. You will also find links to partner organisations and other useful 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. There is also a members' area where you will have access to more resources including clip art and PhotoSymbols that can be used with the loan equipment. To get access to the online members' area you just need to fill out the short form.

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## Equipment You Can Borrow



### 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.

### GoTalk button

The GoTalk button records a single 10 second message. It is incredibly easy to use and very versatile.

### 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.



### GoTalk Express32

Choose between 2 methods of operation: Standard and Express.

- The Standard method works like any GoTalk device – touch a message key and it talks.
- In Express mode, users can link messages together to play a sequence. These messages will play seamlessly in the order selected to simulate typical conversation. Users can edit their recorded expressions, plus save one for the long term.

Records 8 seconds per message; plays up to 8 message in a sequence; has full scanning capabilities; visual cues surround messages (4 LEDs); 5 recording levels; level and record lock.

Includes user's guide and shoulder strap.



### GoTalk4+

Has 4 message keys on 5 levels. Also has 2 core vocabulary keys which stay the same throughout.

### GoTalk9+

Has 9 message keys per level, with 3 core vocabulary keys.

### GoTalk Carry Stand

These go well with any GoTalk ranging from 4+ to the Express. It is ideal for use in the classroom.





**GoTalk 32+**

It's a GoTalk® — easy to use and affordably priced!

The GoTalk 32+ has five levels, giving this talker a 163 message capacity. The message keys record for 8 seconds and the core vocabulary keys record for 17 seconds. It also has a quick record feature, volume control, a built-in handle and key guard, an overlay storage compartment and instructions printed on the back.



**GoTalk 20+**

GoTalk 20+ is lightweight and rugged and has a 100 message capacity (20 keys and five recording levels). PLUS five “core messages” which stay the same on each level so you don't need to re-record essential messages for each level.



**MegaBee**

Provides a very effective means of communication for those with restricted movement and little or no speech. The Megabee works by using eye movements to translate to words.

Use colour coded buttons to spell out a name or request, and the MegaBee will remember that command. Use eye movements to confirm selection with the recipient and form a vital communication link. Also comes with Bluetooth.

Highly recommended for Speech and Language Therapists.



**LITTLEmack**

Simply record any message directly into the LITTLEmack Communicator for one-touch, single message playback up to two minutes in length. Connect a toy or battery operated appliance for instant positive reinforcement. With its angled base and 2½-inch activation surface, LITTLEmack is perfect for mounting, and is recommended for persons who can access a smaller target.

**BIGmack**

Record any single message directly into the **BIGmack** communicator and press its activation surface for playback up to two minutes in length. With its large, 5-inch activation surface, BIGmack is an excellent choice for persons with visual impairments or who require a larger target area.

**Key Features:**

- Easy single-message recording
- Crystal-clear digital sound
- Volume control and ON/OFF switch
- External switch jack for specialty switch operation
- Toy/Appliance jack with cable



**LITTLE step-by-step communicator**

Has the exact same features as a regular LITTLEmack. Only the step-by-step has 3 levels to record 3 messages in sequential order.

**BIG step-by-step communicator**

Also has the exact same features as a regular BIGmack. Only the step-by-step has 3 levels to record 3 messages in sequential order.



**Jelly Beamer Transmitter**

This switch-top button has a transmitter and a receiver hooked up wirelessly. Plug any switch-adapted toy into the receiver. Push the transmitter and the toy will activate. It works up to a range of 30 feet (9 metres).

Feel free to switch tops.

Switch-adapted toys are now available from ICE Resources.



**Switch-activated toys**

**Mr Tickle**

The Mr Tickle plush toy will wriggle his arms when you push his belly. Battery adaptor included for switches.

Works great with a Jelly Beamer Transmitter.

For 10 months and up.

**Freddy the Fish bubble machine**



Streams bubbles at the touch of a button. Battery adaptor including for switches.

Works great with a Jelly Beamer Transmitter.

Requires bubble solution.



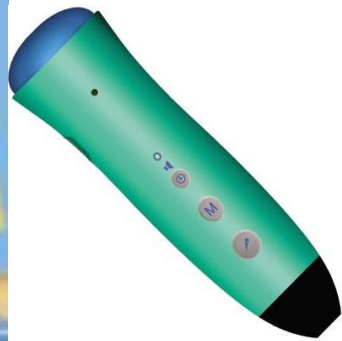
### Bookworm

Transform any book in your library into a switch-adapted audio book in minutes! Wouldn't it be great to have grandpa's voice on that special book that your child can "read" to himself before bedtime? With bookworm, you can!

Don't limit yourself to the small selection of available push-button audio books on the market today. With a built-in SD memory card, Bookworm will let you create your own audio book library at a fraction of the cost.

#### Key Features:

- Manage audio books on the included SD cards LCD screen displays all key functions
- Single switch operation available or direct access on the touchpad
- Function lock available
- External headphone jack for quiet reading
- Magnet-system for recording books longer than 10 page-pairs



### 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.

The PENpal doesn't just play back pre-recorded sound. You can use the pen to record yourself, or let children record themselves, and listen to recordings instantly. Simply switch to the recording function, touch a soundspot and record and save. This is a fantastic way to improve speaking, listening and storytelling skills. Children can re-tell the stories in books, and with our Talking Stickers, they can add content to anything: posters, books, puppets...

This extremely exciting new resource can be used in countless ways. It's fantastic for EAL: parents can record in their own language for children, and teachers can customise their resources to make them fully inclusive.



### Gripping Aids

Perfect for people who struggle to grip objects. Ideal for people with motor-neurons who want to use the PENpal.



### SuperTalker

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

SuperTalker features 16 minutes recording time and a total of eight levels of messaging capability. Not only is every message location accessible via external switch, SuperTalker is even equipped with a special "Step Ahead" jack allowing a single switch to activate SuperTalker's messages in order. AT Specialists will find SuperTalker particularly useful as a portable assessment tool.



### QuickTalker

AbleNet's new easy-to-use, go-anywhere communicator! With QuickTalker, you will be ready to start communicating in minutes.

QuickTalker features a modern design – ideal for girls or boys of any age – yet rugged enough for everyday use.

The variety of message locations - and five available levels - on the QuickTalker™7, 12, and 23 provide the flexibility you need to customize the learning outcomes for each student.

#### Key Features

- \* Easy-to-use
- \* Durable construction
- \* Available in 7, 12, and 23 locations
- \* Built-in handle for easy portability
- \* Built-in symbols storage



### QuickTalker7

- \* Static Messages: 3
- \* Message Locations: 4
- \* Levels: 5
- \* Total message capacity: 23
- \* Recording Time: 6 Minutes

### QuickTalker12

- \* Static Messages: 3
- \* Message Locations: 9
- \* Levels: 5
- \* Total message capacity: 48
- \* Recording Time: 12 Minutes

### QuickTalker23

- \* Static Messages: 3
- \* Message Locations: 20
- \* Levels: 5
- \* Total message capacity: 103
- \* Recording Time: 20 Minutes



### Lib Switch

The brand new Lib Switch! A quality switch available in 4 colours. Comes with removable clear cap for inserting symbols.

Twist the outer black notched ring to unscrew and lift away from the switch, you can now remove the clear plastic cap to position your symbol.

### Big-Point

The Big-Point can record 30 seconds of sound, and will fit many applications including literacy, numeracy, science and much more.



### The iTalk2

The iTalk2 dual-message communicator gives students 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.



### Tuff Cam 2 Digital Camera

Tuff Cam 2 is a 12 Megapixel switch adapted camera with video.

Features include:

- Rugged design – can be hand held or mounted
- 64MB internal memory which can be expanded up to 2GB via SD card
- Docking station for simple PC connection
- Download files to either PC or Mac
- Fully rechargeable

### Digital Cameras

A range of easy-to-use digital cameras complete with batteries and memory cards. Now you can make your own personalised communication tools!



### The VoicePod

Has 36 reusable, two-sided sleeves, each with an ID strip to access the corresponding recordings. This means that you can have up to 72 messages stored on the VoicePod.

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, the student can then play the corresponding message by sliding the sleeve into the pod.

You can erase or re-record a message as many times as you like.



### 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!





### Attainment Talker 6

This slim, lightweight device is like a mini Story Sequencer, only easier to carry. It can play six messages with up to 10 seconds recording time. Simply switch on and push the message key while holding the record button.

Overlays can be slide into the clear, plastic pockets covering the message keys.

Create a talking school timetable or daily schedule to carry around.



### 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?



### Talking Photo Album (A3)

The all new A3 sized Talking Photo Album has a louder speaker and larger visual area, suitable for children to display picture books, or for exhibiting complex timetables/activities.

Insert picture or template into plastic wallet and record a ten second message per page. Play back the message at a push of a button.



### Listen To Me

An easy to use message talker with 12 message buttons. Record a message of up to 10 seconds per button with a covered space to add a photo or symbol.



### Time Cue

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



### Big Button Communicator

Powerful communicators with easy touch activation. The Big Button has a single 48 second message and three 24 second messages in tap to talk mode



### StepPAD

Works like a tape recorder.....only better!  
 Ideal for recording step-by-step instructions. Users press “play” to hear the cue as often and needed. Press “FF” for the next step or “REW” for the previous one. Instructors can change one step without affecting others within the sequence.

### StepPAD 2

Record your step-by-step messages one of the four buttons and label with your preferred overlay slide. Record up to 30 steps in one activity (one of the four slides) to form a sequence. Push Next to hear the next step, Play to repeat a step and Back to review last steps.

Each activity has two levels, making eight sequences and a total of 240 steps. Designed like a video game controller and easily portable in a pouch, pocket or handbag, the StepPAD 2 helps improve multitasking by breaking a workload down into easy chunks.



### VideoBrix

Quick and easy to use, record a single message with the device’s on-board camera and microphone. The screen will show you which buttons you press to play or record a message.

- USB point recharger
- LCD screen, digital camera and microphone
- 90 seconds recording time

### TalkTrac Wearable Communicator

Features four message keys with two levels each, so can hold eight messages with up to ten seconds each. Can be worn on the wrist during leisure activities. Battery charger and Velcro wrist strap included.



### Talking Pockets

Record a 10 second message, place a picture on top of the button and slip into the plastic wallet to play the message. Includes Velcro strip to attach to a portable communication folder or pocket, or anything with a Velcro surface.



### Easy Push Talking Pockets Clear Carrier

- Holds eight Easy Push Talking Pockets
- Durable, washable, clear vinyl (plastic) pocket cover with hook and loop closure along top
- Webbing handle for easy carrying
- Clear vinyl cover especially made so the device will not accidentally activate while in the carrier, unless pushed on



### Portable Communication Folders and books

A picture communication/choice folder for use with Velcro backed pictures, images etc.

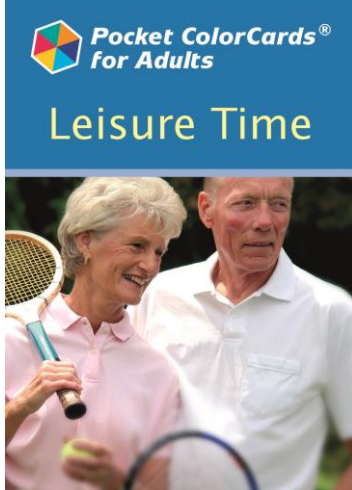
Lightweight and durable, with handle for easy carrying. We have many different sizes and varieties of these, including wallet size for everyday use!

Come in A5, A4 and A3 sizes. Wallet sizes come in different colours. A5 folders come in different patterns



### Talking Mat

Full training package contains a ready selection of symbol cards and a textured mat, along with Velcro stickers, leaflets, a DVD and instruction manual. Provides all the basic tools for communication and for organising day-to-day life.



### 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.



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' x 8" road and 8 removable cars.



### Sensory Stories

Bring stories to life and get your children involved in telling the story.

Each pack comes with a Quicktalker 12 programmed with sounds appropriate to the story, a touch and feel story book and a variety of props such as puppets to create a truly sensory experience.

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