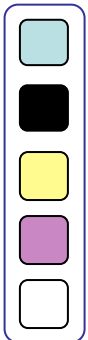


"Collaboration and Effective Practice"

Technology to Support Autistic Learners

Rose Bowl, Leeds Metropolitan University, April 2013

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North East Autism Society

Day/Education Services

Children Services

- North East Centre for Autism
- Thornhill Park School

Adult Services

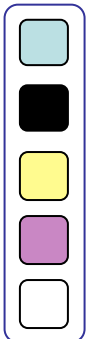
- New Warlands Farm
- Thornbeck College
- Emsworth

Community Services

- Outdoor Education
- REACH Outdoor

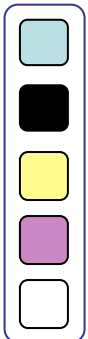
Residential Services

- Residential Care
- Supported Living
- Domiciliary Care



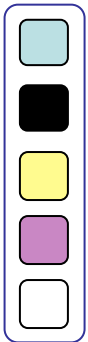
Thornbeck College

- Independent Specialist College (ISC) based in Durham
- Grade 1 'Outstanding' - September 2009
- LSIS Beacon Status - March 2010

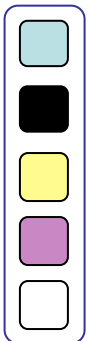




**Community based vocational
workshops to develop learners
skills for working life and
independence**



Emphasis on providing learners with skills for independent living which takes place within the community.



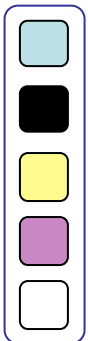
- Retail environment in Sunderland City Centre, with the recent development (Sept 2012) of an online store which is ran by the learners.



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Online Shop

Learner Profile

- All learners have a diagnosis of autism and related learning disabilities and difficulties.
- Learners range from pre-entry to Entry 3
- Learners do not have to participate in a qualification if it does not meet their long term goals and aspirations.



Partnership Working



Day Services

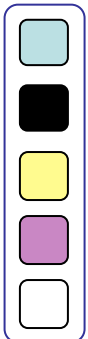
- New Warlands Farm
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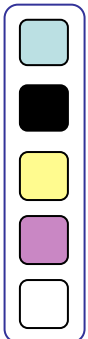
Education Services

- Thornbeck College
- NEAS Retail Shop
- Thornbeck College/Darlington College/Dilston College Partnership
- Thornbeck College/Redcar Cleveland & Askam-Bryan College Partnership
- Thornbeck College/Stockton Riverside College Partnership
- Thornbeck College/East Durham College Partnership

- Working in partnership with local GFEs allows the college to expand its curriculum base and to meet the individual needs of learners whilst ensuring bespoke personalised programmes which meet the learners long-term goals and aspirations.

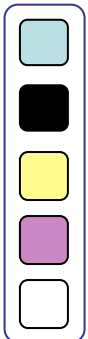


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- The partnerships allow staff to share knowledge and expertise of working with a wide variety of learners to increase staff skills and contributes to workforce development as well as raising awareness of autism with GFEs.



What is Collaboration?

- Cooperative arrangement in which two or more parties (*which may or may not have any previous relationship*) work jointly towards a common goal.
- Effective method of transferring 'know how' among individuals.



Where is effective Practice?

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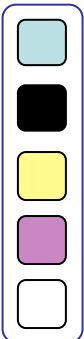
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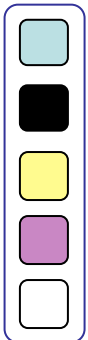


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Regional Support Centres



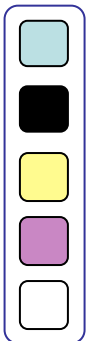
Collaboration with Technology

- Using a range of programmes and packages allows for a bespoke, personalised and unique support package to be 'built'



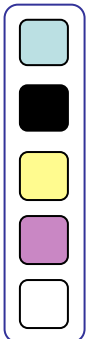
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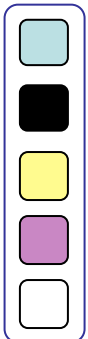
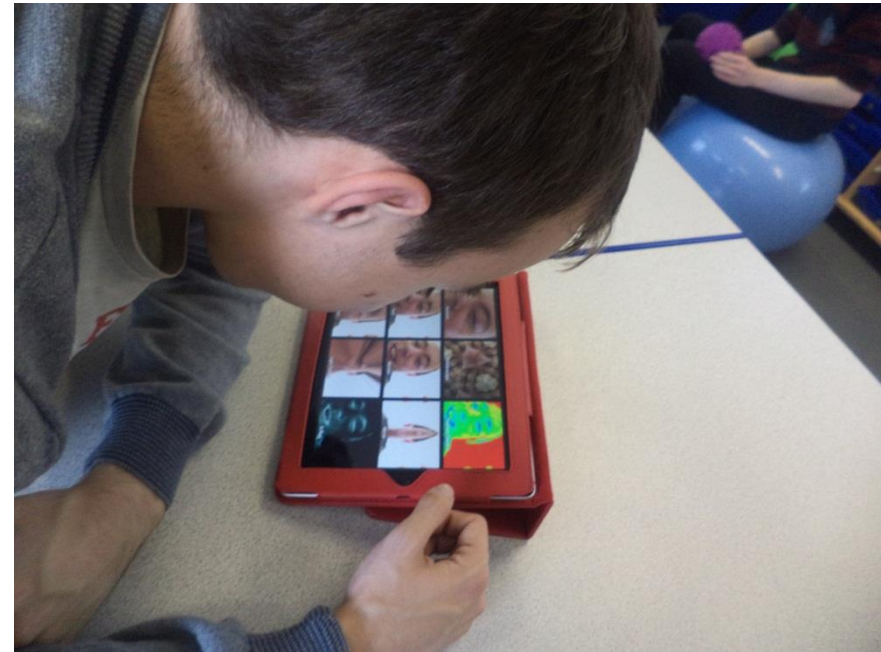


Providing More for Less

- Enabling technologies allow learners to be 'architects of their own learning and life'.
- Reduces potential need for constant additional support
- An 'autism specific' approach benefits all learners.

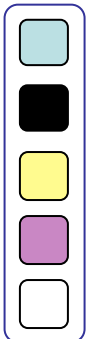


- Explore 'expertise' outside of your own provider as well as internal.
- Your learners will become someone else's learner



Barriers to Technology

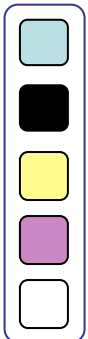
- The technology itself
 - Wide range of options
- Cost
 - Mobile technology which runs a wide range of apps is a lot cheaper than older devices (especially communication devices)
 - BYOD
- Time



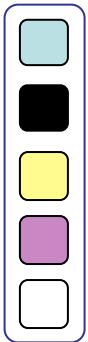
Working in Collaboration

- **Mutual Support Groups**
- **Partnership Working**
- **Networking**
- **DiscoverJisc**

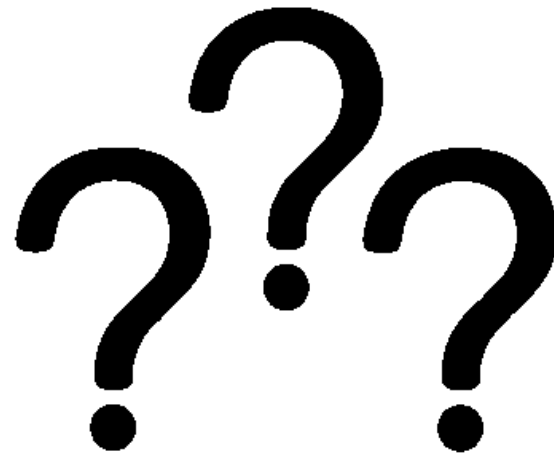
- **Recent funding linked to working in partnership across FE & Skills Sector**



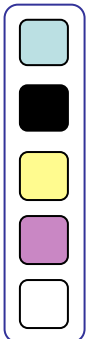
**Technology is not a replacement
for individual support, its another
tool in our box**



Thank You



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