

An introduction to Learning Labs



The e-learning portal for
assistive technology & mental wellbeing.



What is Learning Labs?

Learning Labs is an e-learning portal designed specifically to support users of **assistive technology** in higher education and the workplace.

Learning Labs + also offers online mental wellbeing support for students through personal reflection, and guided development. Through a personalised dashboard students can develop a positive mental wellbeing.





Why is Learning Labs an essential tool for AT users?

We're an online portal that offers step-by-step tutorials designed to support anyone using assistive technology. Learning Labs has been designed using advice from leading **neuroscientists** and **educational psychologists**.

We understand how the brain **thinks** and **learns**. Therefore, we understand how to design the most effective learning content, which is also **inclusive** for **diverse** learning needs.

Every feature of an assistive technology software or hardware item is broken down into bite-sized tutorials and then produced into text guides, 'how to' videos and interactive step-by-step workshops - also known as our **'Read', 'Watch' and 'Do' Labs**.



Neuroscience fact:

Did you know **more than half** of the current generation of learners prefer to **learn** by **doing** something?

That's why in Learning Labs we have **interactive 'Do' Labs** on every subject matter.

We also offer Read and Watch Labs as *further resources*, which help the learner to **build additional neural scaffolding** around a subject matter.



Why choose Learning Labs?



Complements AT training

'Recommend' buttons for trainers to highlight relevant Labs between training sessions to help guide students through their learning journey. Trainers can also have an account to stay on top of on their own skills.



Read, Watch & Do Labs

Every feature of AT is broken down into bite-sized tutorials – available in text, video and most importantly interactive Labs. So, the learner can always Read, Watch and Do every feature of their AT.



On-demand & interactive

Log in and learn anywhere with WiFi to experience engaging and high-quality digital learning content. All content is produced by our in-house learning design team using advice from our neuroscience consultants.



Course-long support

Our statistics show that most one-to-one AT training is completed within 3-6 months. Learning Labs is designed to fill the gap from when AT training is completed, right through to graduation. Or, in the workplace, Learning Labs is the ongoing, day-to-day support companion.



Accessible & inclusive

Leading web accessibility software Recite Me is installed in the Learning Labs portal, allowing the learner to personalise the learning experience to their needs. There is also a Lab suite on how to use Recite Me, along with Lab suites on the latest operating system accessibility tools.



Supports mental health

Learning Labs features inbuilt support tips to promote positive mental health. Plus, the learner is in control of when and how they choose to learn, avoiding unnecessary stress on the brain, and putting their learning journey in their hands.

What AT Lab suites are included?

Learning Labs features tutorials on all of the latest assistive technology software, plus a few of the most common hardware items. Our most recent Labs Suites are on the accessibility features built into [Apple Mac OS](#), [Microsoft Windows](#), [Microsoft Office 365](#) and the [Google suite](#), plus remote learning programs such as [Zoom](#) and [Teams](#).



Our **in-house learning design team** constantly updates and develops new lab suites – which are always automatically updated in your portal.





Learner

“It wouldn’t be possible for anyone to remember everything you are taught in training. Learning Labs is like the interactive textbook I can refer back to time and time again.”

- Connor J Marston, University of Leeds



DSA Needs Assessor

“Learning Labs really is, in my mind, one of the few options to keep the training ‘alive’ and enable students to refresh skills and features at a later date.”

- Leo de Sousa-Webb, Exeter Access Centre





What is Learning Labs +

Learning Labs + offers all the educational benefits of Learning Labs and the broad list of AT tutorials with the addition of a Mental Wellness hub with a mentor collaboration function. Our mental wellbeing support is based on our own unique concept for understanding mental wellbeing called The Six Domains of Mental Wellness™. This makes understanding mental wellbeing feel less daunting by developing a greater personal awareness and an actionable plan for personal growth.



Our Values



Be Fearless

Genuine innovation can come from the silliest of ideas. We encourage each other to approach problems **by not worrying about making a mistake** and instead, proposing a ridiculous solution that asks, "why not...?" Channelling **entrepreneurial spirit** with a sense of **dynamism** has formed our **daring** and **confident** team. Because the traditional path does not always work when we are trying to change the world.



1+1= T3am

As individuals our people are unique, talented and important to us, and together we are **formidable**. We **embrace** the **diversity** of the individual and actively encourage **accountability** and **collaboration** towards the common goal. We believe in **inclusivity** and **equality** for all. We support one another by sharing our strengths, so that our weaknesses will fade.



We are Impactful

We stick to our motto of being 'a good business that does good'. It is our mission to create a **positive catalyst of change** in people's lives, enabling them to **achieve goals** in education, work and life. Through **leadership, compassion** and **innovation**, we can improve the experience of learning for society, at the same time leaving behind our own unique **legacy**.



Continuous Self Development

We believe that every experience teaches us something new and shapes the people we are. Our **listening, learning** and **critical thinking** helps make us professional **problem solvers**. It is our duty to help others **grow** and to **inspire** one another through our thirst for taking on **new challenges** with a **can-do attitude**. Our dedication to lifelong learning will support you in being the best you can be.



We tell it How it is

We get stuff done. Using our **straight-talking, knowledge-based logic** we keep our **focus** on the target. Our simple approach also helps keep things as **accessible** and **inclusive** as possible. In our **open** and **honest** culture we actively keep each other informed. This means we come to a great place to work in every day, alongside down-to-earth people who are **easy to work with**.



Work hard Have fun

We **work hard** for what we believe in and put effort into all we do, **celebrating successes** - right down to the everyday victories. It's important to have a **sense of humour** with all that work and life can throw at you, which means it's our **priority to maintain a healthy work-life** balance for our team. This shared attitude just makes us even more **proud of what we do** and why we do it.



Ready to speak to someone at Learning Labs?

To discuss the best option for supporting your students, get in touch and we can tailor a solution to meet your organisational goals.



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AT training **without ongoing** support
is like a **phone without a charger.**

Supports **Collaborative Working**
between the **student** and the **trainer,**



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the neuroscience behind e-learning?**

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GLOSSARY

Labs – Tutorial

Lab Suites – Bank Of Tutorials

AT – Assistive Technology

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