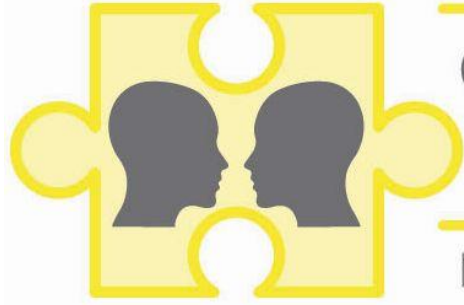


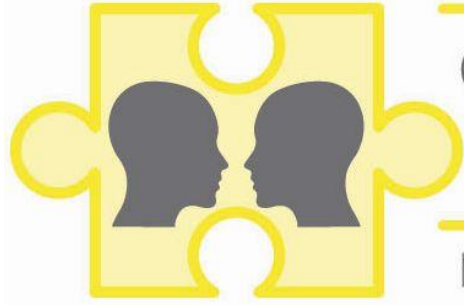
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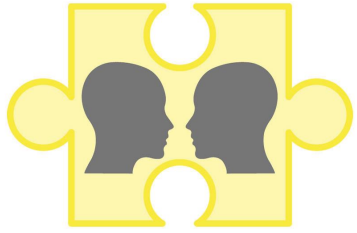
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- Everyone is welcome: The conference is a multidisciplinary event with presentations from AAC Users and family members, healthcare and education professionals, researchers and manufacturers.
- There are a variety of presentations, social events and an exhibition showing AAC equipment and resources.
- Our aim is to make the conference accessible for everyone, please let us know if you need any assistance.

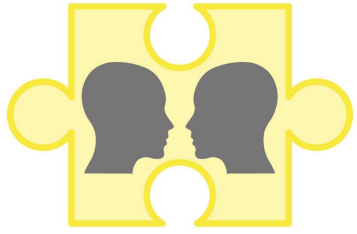


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About the Conference

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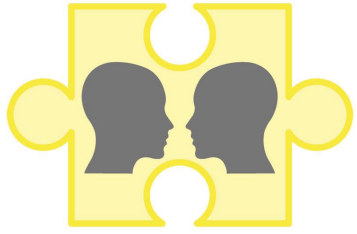
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Keynote Speaker

Karen Erickson, Ph.D. is the Director of the Center for Literacy and Disability Studies, a Professor in the Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences, and the Yoder Distinguished Professor in the Department of Allied Health Sciences at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

She is a former teacher whose current research addresses literacy and communication for students with significant disabilities, including complex communication needs.





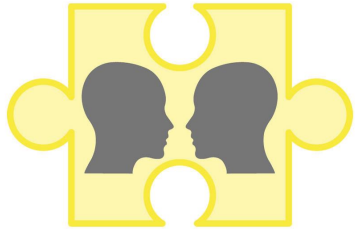
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Plenary Speaker



Dave Young is known artistically as The Shouting Mute. He is a performance artist, writer and director striving to promote inclusive arts and encourages all voices who want to express themselves in an artistic way.

In 2012 Dave's career took off when he performed in 'Breathe: Battle of the winds' on Weymouth Beach to celebrate the Olympics and Paralympics. Since that pivotal moment, Dave has been writing and performing poetry, leading creative writing workshops and undertaking commissioned installations at arts festivals.

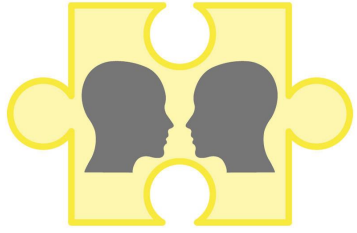


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Conference Exhibition

Throughout the Conference there will be an exhibition showcasing new technologies in **Parkinson Court**, where everyone will have the opportunity to try new devices and explore communication software.

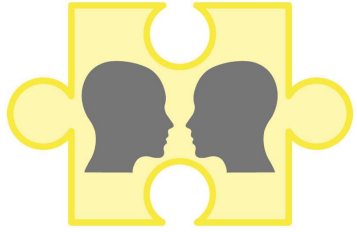




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Social Events

- ❖ CM's first ever Art Exhibition – Sunday from 14.00 (**Student Union**)
- ❖ Welcome Drinks – Sunday, 18.00-19.00 (**Parkinson Court**)
- ❖ CM Pub Quiz – Sunday from 20.45 (**Old Bar, Student Union**)
- ❖ Drinks Reception – Monday, 18.40 (**University Precinct**)
- ❖ Conference Dinner followed by 'Strictly AAC' Disco – Monday from 19.30 (**Refectory**)



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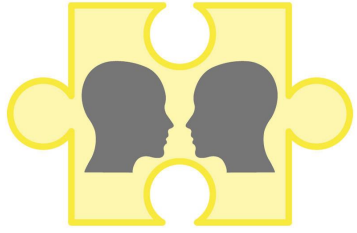
The Venue & City

The conference is hosted at the University of Leeds in a compact and accessible environment close to the delegates' accommodation.

Starting points to discover Leeds:

<http://www.accessibleleeds.com/> (Run by CM member Nathan Popple)

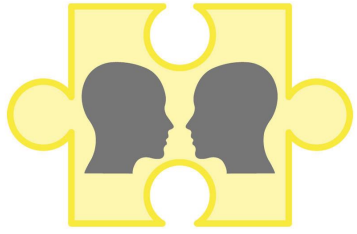
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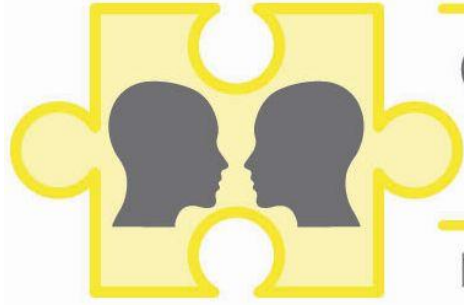
- ❖ Most Delegates wear **Black Lanyards**.
- ❖ Delegates who are attending for the first time wear **Blue Lanyards**, please make them feel welcome!
- ❖ Conference organisers wear **Red Lanyards**, while Conference Makers have **Yellow Lanyards**. Don't hesitate to ask them, if you need information or help!
- ❖ More information and assistance is in the **A to Z Guide** in the programme.



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Most importantly:

We want you to have a great experience at conference. Please let us know if there is anything we can help with!