Why attend IT training in assistive technology?

If your advisor has recommended new software and/or equipment, then it is important you know how to use it effectively. Even if you are confident in learning how to use new software there are a number of benefits you can gain from attending training. These include:

- The trainer has detailed knowledge of the software and how you can apply it to your particular course, with reference to your favoured methods of study.
- You will learn more effective study methods through using technology which will give you more time and energy to commit to other things.
- Learning with an experienced trainer is a faster and more effective way to learn than teaching yourself through trial and error.
- You may have an opportunity to learn a little about other devices or features of Microsoft Office that you did not know about before.

There are a number of reasons why students don’t come forward for training. These may include:

- Pressure of work meaning they don’t feel they have the time.
- Feeling they already know how to use the software.
- Anxiety about attending training as they do not feel confident with computers.
Looking at each of these in turn:

- Attending training often results in students using time more effectively. In other words, setting aside the time to attend the training will give you back more time in the end.

- There are often hidden features which are harder to spot when you are not familiar with the software and a trainer can give you specific help in how to best apply the software to your studies.

- Training will be delivered at your pace and it doesn't matter how many times you want to go over the steps. We all learn at different speeds and we all learn by repetition. This is particularly true of IT training.

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