

Special Needs Fringe 2008 PREVIEW

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The Advisory Unit launches free Interactive Whiteboard and Plasma Screen resources for Special Needs

Launching on the Advisory Unit's Stand at the Special Needs Fringe from 9th to 11th January 2008, the online **Plasma Screen and Whiteboard Room** free resource bank will inspire, encourage and equip busy teachers with new curriculum materials for pupils working within the 'P' scales.

Interactive whiteboards and plasma screens are transforming the way ICT is being used to support the curriculum and enhance learning in special schools. The **Plasma Screen and Whiteboard Room** contains downloadable teaching resources, lesson notes, video clips demonstrating best practice, information and links to useful websites that are aimed at teachers working with students who have severe and profound learning difficulties and autistic spectrum disorders (SLD, PMLD & ASD). The resources will fill a vital gap in provision for special needs teachers.

All the resources have been created by teachers who have tried and tested them in their own classrooms using content free applications such as Microsoft PowerPoint, Opus, and SMART Notebook. The **Plasma Screen and Whiteboard Room** layout has been designed with a clear, simple and intuitive

interface for quick and easy access to resources. Content covers all subjects and is linked to the relevant QCA 'P' scale descriptors ensuring accessibility for pupils. There is no registration or password to negotiate, as all a teacher needs is a plasma screen or interactive whiteboard and a broadband connection to use or download materials.

Sally Paveley, project consultant, says: "While most teachers will simply obtain teaching ideas and materials, it will also encourage teachers who are creating their own resources to share them more widely." An integral feature of the **Plasma Screen and Whiteboard Room** is an invitation to teachers to submit their own links and content. It is a dynamic resource that will continue to grow and flourish.

Notes to editors:

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2) The Plasma Screen and Whiteboard Room is a project of The Advisory Unit: Computers in Education, a company limited by guarantee, charity (No. 1022741). www.advisory-unit.org.uk. Previous projects have included work for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and Becta.

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The accompanying image 'Plasma Screen and Whiteboard Room home.jpg'

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Caption:

*The **Plasma Screen and Whiteboard Room** web site to be launched at the Special Needs Fringe, 9th to 11th January 2008 has free access to 'P' level resources for Special Needs.*