



I have been fortunate enough to go to university, qualify as a lawyer, compete at 4 Paralympic Games and become a Parliamentarian. Assistive technology was and still is vital to my success, and can be for others – not only for those that have visual impairments, but for those, too, with a wide range of other learning and physical disabilities. I am confident that with the establishment of this new APPG, we can help raise awareness of this important subject area. I look forward to working with the APPGAT's other parliamentarians and its network of supporters in order to facilitate discussion and engagement on assistive technology within Parliament.

Lord Holmes of Richmond MBE



ABOUT THE ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP FOR ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Assistive Technology aims to disseminate knowledge, generate debate and facilitate engagement on assistive technology amongst Members of both Houses of Parliament.

The APPG will do this through holding events in Parliament, bringing experts together for roundtable discussions and briefings, contributing to government consultations, and promoting the group and its activities amongst parliamentarians.

Contact us on **0207 202 8577** or email katherine.perry@policyconnect.org.uk to find out more about how you can get involved in our policy work.

KEY ISSUES

INDEPENDENCE

AT is crucial in enabling people to live independent lives.

SKILLS

Assessing children's and adults needs for AT requires a skilled workforce.

EDUCATION

Training and support for school and college staff is key in enabling AT to be used effectively within an educational setting.

EMPLOYMENT

Helping employers to understand how AT assists disabled people enter the workforce and develop talent.

RESEARCH

Promoting understanding of the impact, outcomes and cost efficiency savings to be made by investment in AT.

INNOVATION

AT innovation is crucial for the development of new, more streamlined, approaches to overcoming barriers associated with a variety of impairments or disabilities.



ABOUT ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

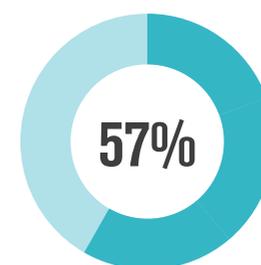
Assistive Technology (AT) refers to the equipment, software, program or product systems that can be used to increase, maintain or improve the capabilities of individuals with communication and learning disabilities.

AT can be life-changing and for many it is vital for independence. AT can be used in a variety of ways and for a variety of purposes, helping people to carry out everyday tasks and activities, enhance a person's safety, support their social participation and monitor their health.

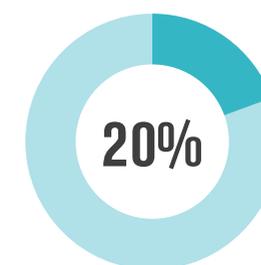
SUPPORTING US

We are very grateful to our supporters for their generosity. If you would like to become one of the organisations supporting the work of the APPG for Assistive Technology please get in touch with the APPG Manager, Katherine Perry at katherine.perry@policyconnect.org.uk

This support will help us promote AT across Parliament in a wide range of policy areas including education, health and employment.



The number of people in the UK who need to use AT/ Assistive ICT is increasing dramatically - **57%** of 18 to 64 year olds are likely or very likely to benefit from using assistive technology.



There are **12.9 million** disabled people in the UK, **20%** of the UK population - by 2030 it is expected the number of disabled people will rise to approximately **17 million** - many of whom could benefit from using some form of AT.



The prevalence of disability rises with age. Around **6%** of children are disabled in comparison to **15%** of working age adults and **45%** of adults over State Pension age.

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