**Compaid Training Centre offers:**

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| **Digital Inclusion** | **Computer Skills:** Starting from scratch, with full support.  **Internet:** Online forms, job searches, voluntary opportunities, hobbies, interests. Learn how to send and receive e-mails, shop online and use social media, while, of course, staying safe.  **Office skills:** Learning to touch type, create your CV and use spreadsheets can be useful in all sorts of ways, from writing stories to keeping track of finances. Learn Microsoft Office and use touch typing tutorials. Gain certificates from the Prince’s Trust (at a small extra cost). |

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| **Computer projects** | **Website-writing:** Enter the world of the World Wide Web by learning how to create a website or blog. It’s easier than you think using template tools such as Wix and Wordpress. Our trainers will help you through the process.  **Programming:** Begin programming through Scratch or Python, or try projects including robotics and networking with a BBC micro:bit or Raspberry Pi. |

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| **Art** | **Painting:** Learn to paint on the computer using the professional graphics application Corel PhotoPaint or one of our other art packages. Use your mouse, a pen and tablet or touch-screen. Discover dozens of artists’ tools and techniques for beginners and experienced artists.  **Graphic design and laser engraving:** Learn how to bring artwork to life, with the professional graphics editor Corel Draw. Make beautiful, personal greetings cards, or use our laser engraver to decorate or personalise table mats, Christmas decorations etc. |

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| **Creative writing**  **and**  **drama** | **Writing:** Our staff can help you in the process of writing your own work, whether it’s through research, taking an online course or simply talking through your ideas with you. You can contribute your work to our occasional writing projects if you wish. If typing is difficult for you, don’t worry: the Dragon software package allows you simply to dictate.  **Book publishing:** Share your creative writing with friends and family and publish it at minimal cost, either by creating an e-book or by typesetting it and using a ‘print on demand’ service.  **Radio plays:** Collaborate with others at Compaid to write, act out and record radio plays using our multimedia equipment. |

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| **Online research and learning** | **Family history:** A popular activity, family history research is a fascinating way to find out about your ancestors whilst learning useful Internet research skills.  **Online learning:** We can help you to access and enjoy informal online courses in fields including languages, employability, history, maths, natural history and many more. |

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| **Music**  **&**  **Media** | **Soundbeam:** Designed especially for those with limited mobility, but suitable for everyone, Soundbeam is a digital ‘keyboard in space’ which allows you to create all kinds of music through movements of different parts of the body.  **Multimedia studios:** Create and manipulate instrumental and vocal tracks to make a high-quality music track you can share with others using Garageband, and/or iMovie to put together images and pieces of film to create slideshows, videos and more. |

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| **Games** | **For fun:** If you want to relax, give your brain some exercise or challenge someone else to a game of something, we have a wide variety of computer games for you to try.  **For learning:** Games are great to help you improve your numeracy, literacy and problem-solving skills.  **Nintendo Wii:** Wii allows you to practise hand-eye co-ordination while enjoying a sociable game with other people. |

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| **And finally…** | **Your own thing?** You might come to Compaid with your own projects you want to do, or want us to help you with. Work like this in the past has included using Computer Aided Design, work to support speech therapy, and more. |