

User Groups

The Independent Learning Unit has a wide range of enabling equipment to improve access to learning for disabled people. The unit may only be used by those individuals with a defined need for assistive products and support.

Queries on the services and products available in the Independent Learning Unit should be addressed to Maura Stephens, Systems Librarian (maura.stephens@gmit.ie) on ext. 2784.

Any student who feels he or she has a genuine requirement in this area should register with the college Special Needs Tutor, Anne Owen-Jones (ann.owen-jones@gmit.ie) ext 2375, in the Student Services department.



Please Remember!

Library staff are available at all times to help with information and research queries

Training in the use of equipment in the ILU can be provided and support and advice is available.

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Independent Learning Unit

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Welcome to GMIT Library's Independent Learning Unit

This facility is solely intended for use by people with special needs.

It contains a large range of equipment and software intended to make the academic challenge that bit easier for those with physical or other disabilities.

Services available include:

- Specialist software for those with visual or reading difficulties
- Scanners to enable text enlargement and manipulation
- Equipment to help those with sensory disabilities to access print and computers
- 3 high spec PCs
- Photocopying

Specialist Equipment includes:

- Aladdin Genie Pro personal reader
- Quicklink pen for scanning lines of text
- Olympia Portable Hand Held Magnifier
- Large keys and Intellikeys keyboards
- Roller Ball Plus Range Trackball
- Roller Ball Plus Range Joystick
- Earpiece Headsets



Specialist Software Includes:

- **Kurtzweil 1000**

An advanced scanning and reading solution for the blind and visually impaired

- **Kurtzweil 3000**

This is the leading writing and learning solution for individuals of all ages with learning difficulties like dyslexia, attention deficit disorder (ADD) and other literacy difficulties

- **Dragon Naturally Speaking Preferred Version 8**

This dictation product allows users to create documents, spreadsheets, open programs,

surf the Web, and much more by simply speaking naturally! Users can train their voice on the system so that it lets you control what you type and work on by speaking in your normal voice.

- **Text Help Read and Write and TextHelp Read and Write Gold**

This product will read aloud as you type or read any document. It works with word processing, spreadsheets, databases, email and the Internet.



- **Zoomtext Level 2**

This is adaptive software that integrates multiple technologies to achieve a total low-vision solution. It combines a fully integrated magnifier (which can be adapted to suit the level of low vision) with speech output, designed specifically for the low-vision computer user.

- **Microsoft Office**

Suite of products including Word, Excel and Access.