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Editor's Desk

Dear friends,

The silence of speechlessness is never golden.

**We all need to communicate and connect with each other
-not just in one way but in as many ways as possible.**

It is a basic human need and a basic human right.

And more than this it is a basic human power....

BOB WILLIAMS

Happy Reading,

Regards

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Innovative ideas

Sounding Board:

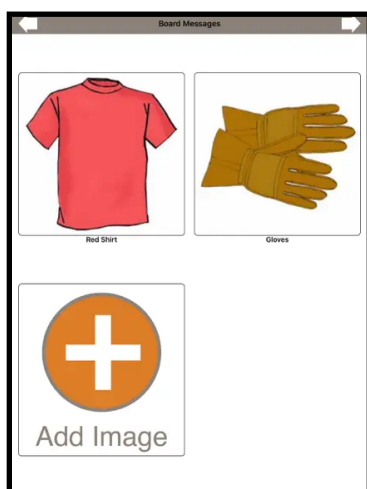
It is a great, awesome, customizable, FREE app.

Sounding Board is a simple yet effective AAC communication board for children or adults who are non-verbal or for students who may "freeze" in an emergency and cannot get their words out.

The app is preloaded with 14 boards with the option of 9 pictures per board depending on the needs of the user. There is also the option of using your own photos for certain boards. The other nice feature is the option to use your own voice when editing pictures such as your name and phone number.

Editing the board is also very user-friendly-just turn off the edit lock in the settings and simply go to the board and edit and either add or delete pictures You record your own voice for each picture.

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/soundingboard/id390532167?uo=4>



Picture shows screenshot of the display showing picture of a shirt ,picture of gloves and an editable button saying add image

Twinkl Symbols for AAC (iOS, Android)

Using Twinkl Symbols, you can create, teach, learn & communicate using a fantastic set of teacher-led symbols and board & book templates from the world's largest educational publisher, Twinkl.

Communication Books in the Twinkl Symbols for AAC app offer adult and learner users the ability to more seamlessly communicate with an expanded or varied vocabulary. The Twinkl Symbols App is available to download via the Apple App Store and Google Play store.

<https://apps.apple.com/app/twinkl-symbols/id1543188023>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=co.uk.twinkl.symbolwriter>



Picture shows screenshot of the display showing categories-my symbols, adjectives, animals etc all in pictorial form with words written on top

Lookout - Assisted Vision

Lookout is an app to help blind and visually impaired people learn about their surroundings. Created by Google, this app is a free smartphone app that can automatically read and scan text, recognize products and describe objects.

Lookout by Google is the latest example of an AI-driven app equipped with automatic text reading and scanning features.

Google's Lookout app helps people make it easier to read text on labels and signs, identify packaged foods by more than just their bar codes, and better identify currency notes.

Devices: iOS, Android

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.google.android.apps.accessibility.reveal&hl=en_IN&gl=US

Inclusive Ideas

ICE - In Case of Emergency

For anyone with medical conditions and even for those without, the ICE (In Case of Emergency) app is a must have personal injury prevention tool for any emergency situation. After storing all your personal and medical information on the app, first responders and others can access your medications and other pertinent information if you are unable to share it directly.

It's very easy to input data in this app. Once you're done the app is always open (even when your phone is locked) and clearly presents your medical information in the event that you are unconscious and are unable to communicate with emergency personnel.

You can also set up the app to send direct messages to loved ones and friends when you're in an emergency situation even if your phone dies or you lose service.

<http://icecontact.com/>

inku - tool for dyslexia

inku is an intuitive and powerful dyslexia tool that helps you write your notes without spelling errors. It allows a person to type a message using the sophisticated word and phrase prediction, which learns their pattern of use, making writing even faster. An advanced spell checking system designed especially for people with dyslexia offers a great support. inku offers intelligent speech-to-text features that gives you the possibility to speak a word you want to write!

Designed for people with dyslexia, inku is essential for students and professionals who benefit from help when preparing messages, notes or documents on the iPhone or iPad.

<https://www.iaccessibility.com/apps/cognitive-intellectual/index.cgi/product?ID=201>

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