

New in CALL Survey April 2005 (61 Returns - 4% of 1,500 sent out)

1. General Comments

Do you read <i>New in CALL</i> ?	Yes	51	No	1
If YES, how much do you read?	Some	34	All	25
Is <i>New in CALL</i> useful?	Yes	52	No	0
If YES, how much is useful?	Some	39	All	17
Is <i>New in CALL</i> interesting?	Yes	55	No	0
If YES, how much is interesting?	Some	39	All	18
Is <i>New in CALL</i> easy to read?	Yes	55	No	2
If YES, how much is easy to read?	Some	6	All	49
Do you find the look and style of <i>New in CALL</i> attractive?	Yes	57	No	1

2. Copies available in your School / Centre

Does your school/centre receive enough copies of <i>New in CALL</i> ?	Yes	39	No	5
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3. Comparing *New in CALL* with the CALL Web Site

Do you use the CALL Centre web site?	Yes	33	No	27
If YES, how often?	Often	4	Occasionally	29

What do you like about *NEW in CALL*, compared to our web site? (31 responses):

- *A summary of what's new presented in paper form - so you can keep it, highlight bits, easily show or pass them onto colleagues, pin on the notice board etc. I'm an avid ICT, Net user but I like evidence on paper too!!*
- *I prefer hard copy materials which can be retrieved without having to go to the web site. Attractive layout and instantly accessible information.*
- *People have to make the effort to access the website whereas the newsletter is just there - however old fashioned that sounds. Not all staff use the internet much, still!*
- *Computer access is extremely limited in our office (2 computers for 7 people!), so the Newsletter is great! Also, I can take the newsletter with me and read when I have spare time out in the community.*
- *It can be read anywhere, anytime. Can be passed around. Can be kept for reference.*
- *It can be passed onto others in staffrooms etc. Our server isnt the most reliable ad paper based information can be 'quicker' to issue.*
- *Good quality graphics - good use of colour. Relatively easy to find your way around the web site. Useful downloads eg passport templates... thank you.*
- *Can read it on the train. Easier to scan through. Can leave in waiting room for families.*

4. Future Action

Should we continue to publish <i>New in CALL</i> ?	Yes	53	No	1*
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* - "should publish on website only."

5. Topics covered in New in CALL

	1 No interest	2 A little interest	3 Not bothered	4 Interested	5 Very interested	Average
Announcements about new communication aids in CALL	-	7	-	22	31	4.28
Reviews of communication aids	-	5	-	22	33	4.38
Announcements about new software in CALL	-	4	2	28	25	4.18
Reviews of new software in CALL	-	5	1	24	31	4.33
Conference announcements	1	6	6	24	21	4.28
Information about educational policy	1	7	7	22	23	3.98
CALL Family Technology Fun Days	7	7	17	17	11	3.31
ICT and Inclusion events	1	4	8	21	25	3.96
Case studies of ICT use	-	4	8	24	24	4.13
Practical hints and tips	-	3	1	18	39	4.52
CALL Centre training events based in Edinburgh	3	5	5	24	24	4.00
CALL Centre events outwith Edinburgh	3	4	7	20	24	4.00
Recommended web sites	1	4	2	23	30	4.28
Information about special communication techniques	-	7	2	19	30	4.24
Other suggestions:						
<i>Speech Recognition / Alternative Writing Media / Research Projects (2) / Outcome Measures</i>						
<i>Training & CPD / AAC user stories / More AAC user days like Arts Attack / AAC use in College</i>						
<i>AAC use in the community / ICT & Literacy for non verbal children /</i>						
<i>Switches etc/use of ICT/Inclusion for pre-schoolers in playgroups/nurseries</i>						

6. Other Comments (11 responses):

- *Excellent resource. Keeps us up to date on developments and resources. Thanks!*
- *I have answered 'very interested' to all topics in 5 - although not all topics have the same level of interest for me personally, I have an obligation as manager to pass on the information to all staff (so email will be excellent!)*
- *As always - thanks for such a great resource - unfortunately I cant access the centre as regularly as I'd like to due to caseload committments but its great to have 'CALL' to go to for specialist advice & info.*
- *Good factual brochure on AAC. Sometimes too technical for its audience. Needs some 'easy to read' articles written by AAC users to break it up, giving variety.*
- *Some of the pages appear full of text and may put some people off.*
- *The recent ASFL summary was very useful - thank you!*
- *Find it very useful for keeping up to date with what is going on. Useful to have things flagged up in advance e.g. Augmentative Comm. Study Day.*