Matching Autistic People with Technological Resources

(This is a four week course with University of Bath)

Degree of difficulty on a scale 1 (easy) to 4 (hard) is 2.
Overall rating on a scale 1 (rubbish) to 4 (brilliant) is 2.

The aim of this MOOC is to give a realistic assessment of the role of technology, particularly the increasingly wide range of Apps for smartphones and tablets in supporting people with the Autistic Spectrum Disorder (and their families) in enhancing their communication and social skills. The evidence base for useful outcomes so far is weak.

The first week gave an up to date review of ASD and how people with ASD view themselves. This was useful. However the course suffered from the concentration on written descriptions of relevant Apps rather than the playing of samples. The Smart – ASD App which will be available in October 2017 will be a useful resource as guidance in matching up the individual with ASD with the range of Apps on the market.

In summary the course is more likely to be of interest to participants with a personal, family or professional association with ASD rather than the general ‘MOOCer’.