



UK Challenge

for Disabled Young People



BT Adastral Park

Wednesday 3rd to Friday 5th July, 2019

Watch the video from 2018



<https://youtu.be/fTe02ssTonc>



What is the UK IT Challenge?

The UK IT Challenge is an annual IT competition for disabled young people (13-24 years old) organised by charity Shaw Trust and supported by BT.

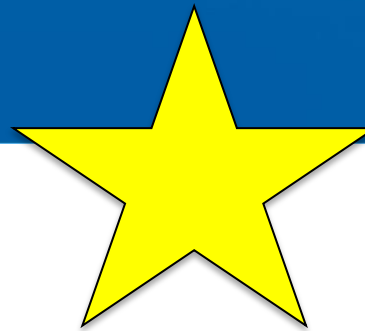
Where: BT's Adastral Park in Ipswich, their global centre for digital innovation

When: Wed 3 to Friday 5th July, 2019.

Over the 3 days, 50 disabled young people from across the UK will come together to compete on different IT challenges designed to test ability, creativity and skill.

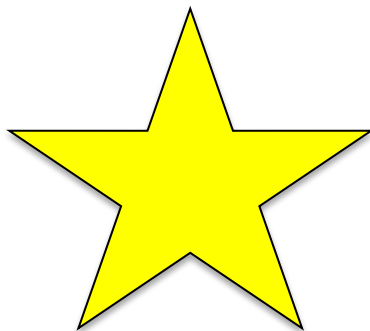
The challenges include tests on PowerPoint, excel, web-based searches and creative challenges using movie-maker and scratch. All of the challenges are adapted to the level of the young person to make sure it is a fair competition.

Prizes



- The top 4 winners from the competition will go on to represent the UK at the Global IT Challenge in Asia in November. (Exact date and location TBC).
- Other prizes include laptops, IPADs, tablets, opportunities for work experience, online training and much, much more.

This year, the 4 overall winners represented the UK at the Global IT Challenge in New Delhi in India.



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“The event meant a lot to me. Not only meeting new people but showing people that just because I have a disability it does not mean I can’t overcome it.” Delegate



“The UK IT Challenge was an AMAZING experience. If you love computers and IT, go for it, give it a go, who knows where it will take you!” Delegate



“The UK IT Challenge was a big opportunity for me. To discover the wonders of ICT, meet new friends and get to hear talks from some incredible people. It has improved my ICT skills and I can use that to show other people what I have learnt from the contest.” Delegate



How to apply

Are you?

- Disabled
- Aged between 13- 24 years
- Interested in computers and IT
- Able to travel to Ipswich in July (with a chaperone/ parent if required)



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How much does it cost?

- The only cost will be for travel (for the young person + 1) to Ipswich.
- Suitable accommodation and meals for 3 nights, for both the young person and their chaperone (if required), will be paid for.

Complete the application form

- Visit www.shaw-trust.org.uk/UKITChallenge to complete the nomination form.
- The closing date for nominations March 2019.

Meet the top 4 winners from 2018



Some video interviews

This year, the winners represented the UK at the Global IT Challenge in New Delhi in India.

Watch these short video interviews of the 4 winners:

- Jon Paul Smith: https://youtu.be/Rze_ljNluHc
- Emily Rautenbach: <https://youtu.be/wKlpQd7gjfC>
- Matthew Tonks: <https://youtu.be/mSbCiKCXSSI>
- Jack Thomas: <https://youtu.be/l04Z5n-ybdk>

Watch the video of their experience in India here:

<https://youtu.be/PHD7ggAReMM>

The bigger picture

- The UK IT Challenge for Disabled Young People is part of a global movement to:
 - Reduce the 'digital disability divide'
 - Provide better access and investment in ICT
 - Help promote IT policy and training
 - Create a truly inclusive world where no-one is left behind.



“ The power of the web is in its universality. Access by everyone regardless of disability is an essential aspect. ”

Tim Berners-Lee,
inventor of the World Wide Web

**GO FOR IT!
APPLY TODAY**

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