

Human-centred innovations for hard-to-reach learners:

Creating opportunities and changing lives.

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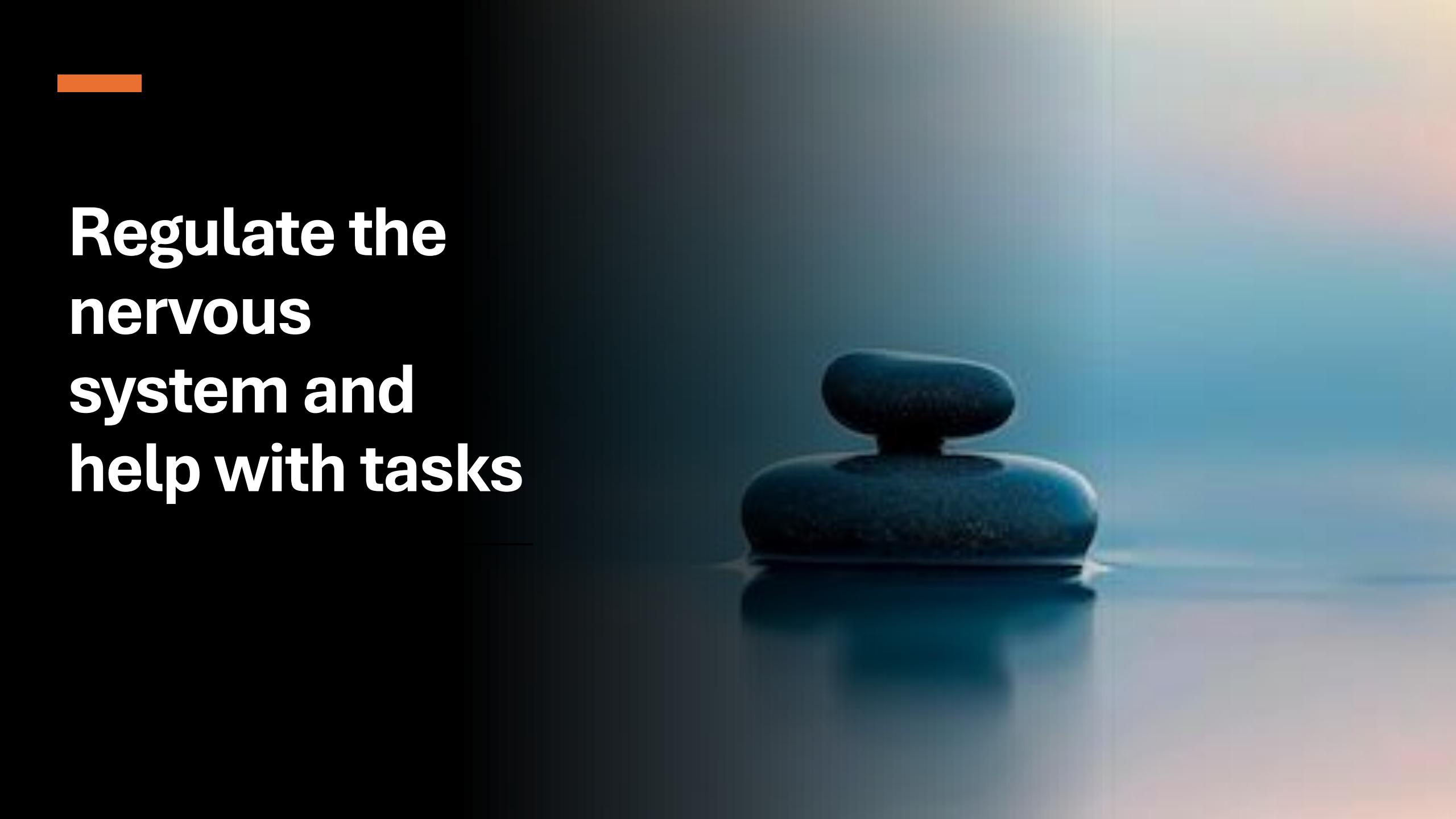
How would
you feel like if
this is your
workplace?



Overwhelmed ? Stressed?

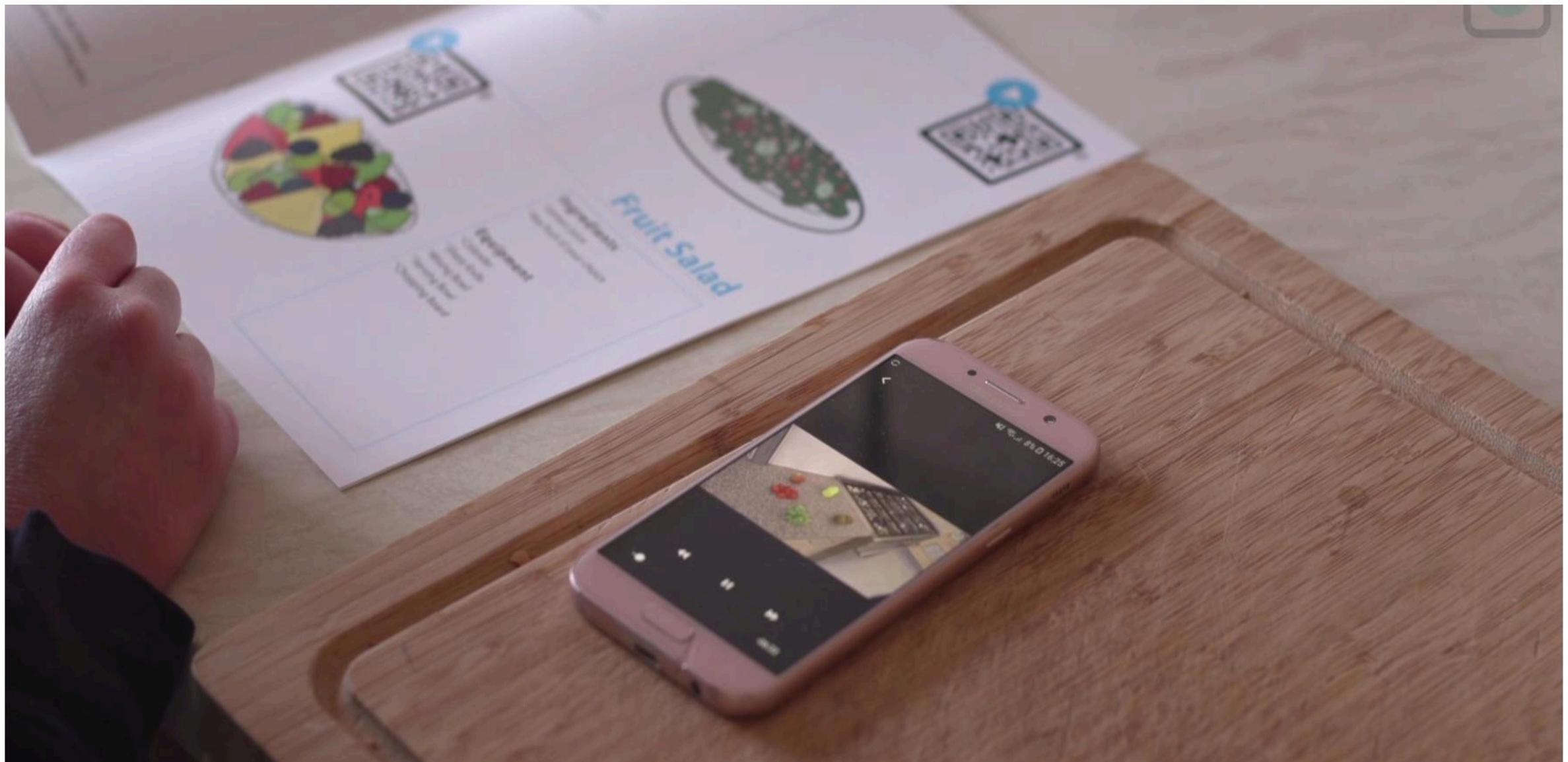
May you'd want to walk out.

This is the experience of many neurodiverse people.

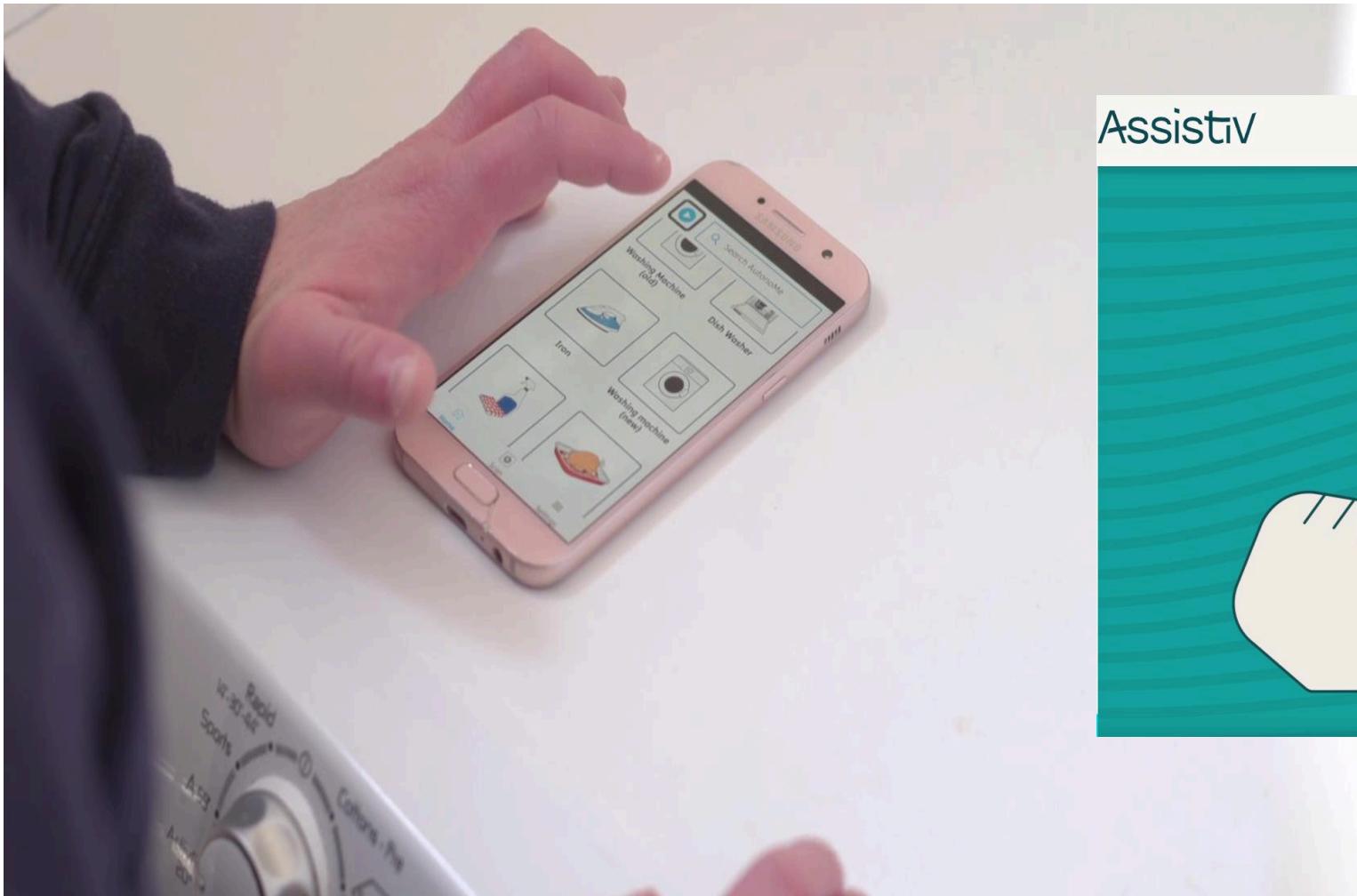


Regulate the
nervous
system and
help with tasks

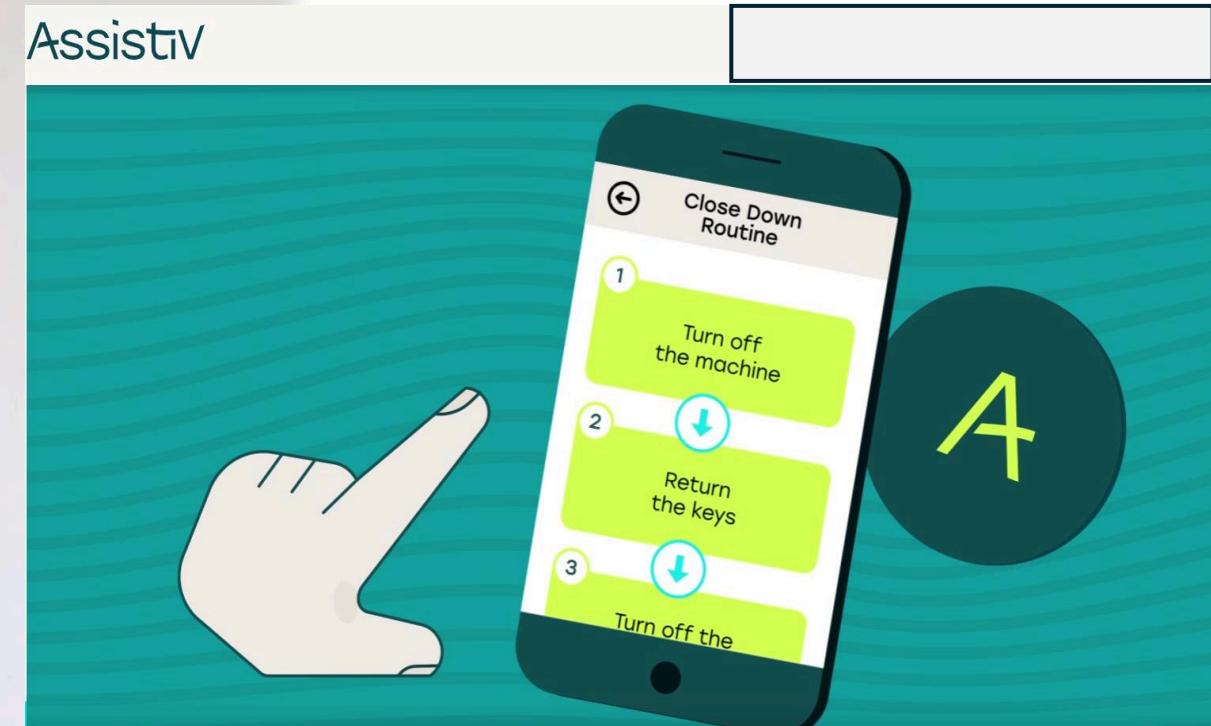
Video, audio, prompts and step by step support



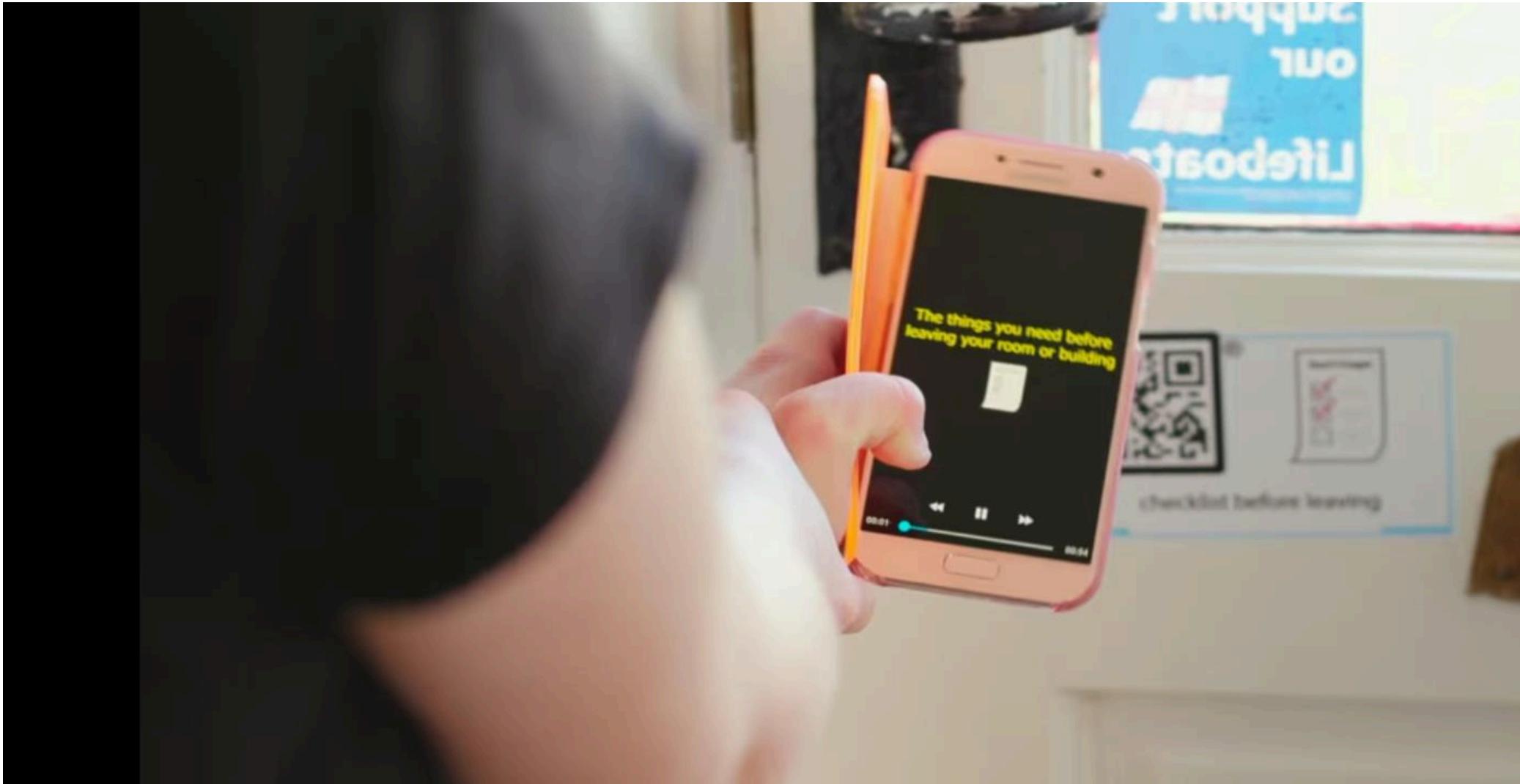
Tool that helps you calm your system and focus



Assistiv



Where you need it



Imagine reading your favourite book

On a single line calculator.
Would you still read it?



Blind and
partially sighted
learners have
been doing this
until now...

9-line Braille screen





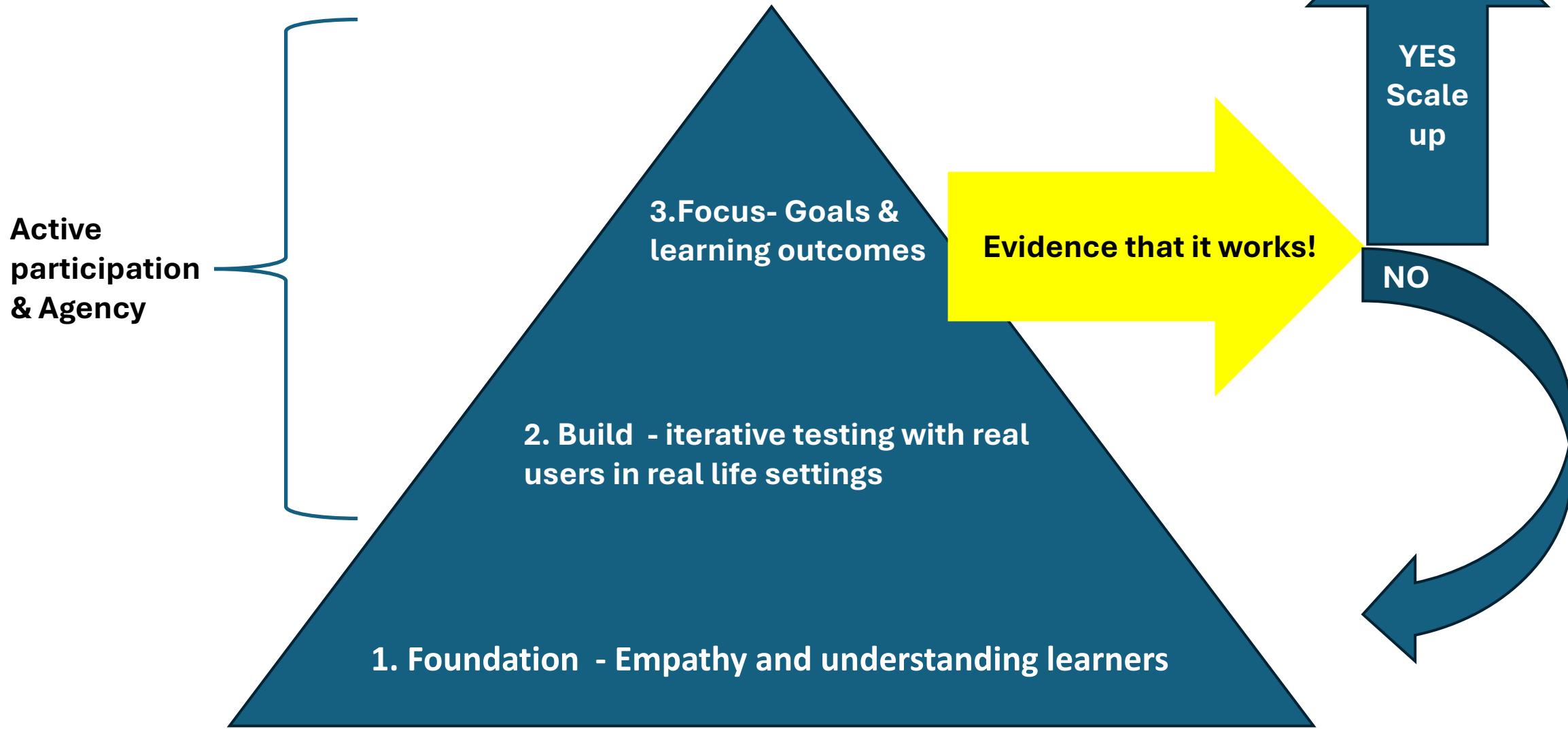
These tools are changing lives and learning

What's the impact so far?

Hundred of learners using Bristol Braille Canute, Assitiv and Autonome to work and learn.

- Accessing new areas of learning they never thought possible – blind/partially blind coders, musicians, autistic learner working with people, more engagement.
- Assitiv 80 % of users say it has made them more independent 85 % of users say it has increased their confidence 45 % of job coaches report less support time
- Autonome 86% achieved paid employment, education and or volunteering outcome
32% gained paid employment Average time on the AutonoMe programme: 8 months
- Bristol Braille Canute 250 Canute consoles are supporting blind and partially sighted learners to access learning and routes into jobs that would not have been accessible to them without it.

How did they design & scale for niche learners?





What does it mean for the future?

What's next

- Can policymakers support the adoption of assistive technology to help people get or stay employed?
- Can educators support technologies that are working and producing good results for learners?
- Can employers & L&D teams provide access to such tools for their neurodiverse workforce?
- Can the technologies go beyond the niche ?

About Ufi

When people thrive in work, everybody benefits, so at Ufi **we champion the power of technology to improve skills for work and deliver better outcomes for all.**

We do this by providing **grant funding, investment, advocacy and support** to develop and deploy technology across all parts of the UK skills system.

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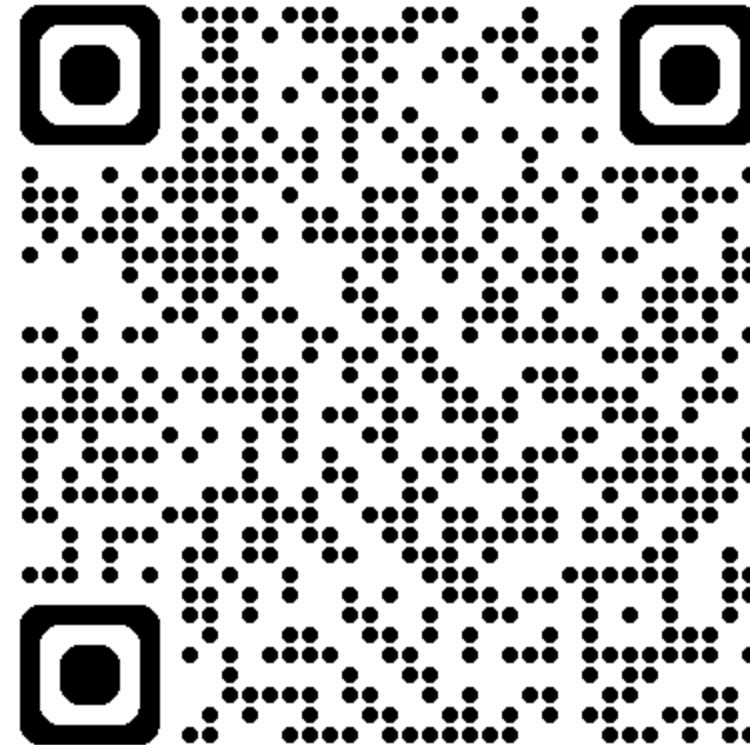
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Vocational + Technology

Digital tools that help people gain and maintain the skills they need for work.

The VocTech Directory

- **Assistv**
- **Autonome**
- **Bristol Braille**



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VocTech Activate grant fund

Applications open on 6 January and close on 3 February 2026.



How much funding is available? VocTech Activate provides grants of £30,000 to £60,000 for projects lasting between 3 to 12 months.

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