CURRENTLY EXPERIMENTING ON:

Web Accessibility Assessment of Tools for Mobile Ethnography - The Urban Belonging Photo App

SHORT DESCRIPTION

The workshop was part of the project covering Accessibility Assessment and further development of the Urban Belonging Photo App.

The open source toolkit has been developed by a group of researchers and architects for the Urban Belonging project.
It was used for the research project between 2020 and 2023, and upon successful completion of the project it was decided to develop the app further.

Since then the app has been maintained by developer Iain Kettles and has been used for various participatory projects.

At ECHO Lab, the app was taken through a Web Accessibility Assessment by two digital accessibility consultants, who shared their methods, insights, and general remarks on inclusive digital participatory methods in a one-day workshop.

RESEARCH TOPICS:

Inclusive Participatory Research Design
Digital Methods Making
Accessible Mobile Ethnography
Tools for Participatory Research
Web Accessibility
App Development
Disability led design

OBJECTIVES:

- create awareness for importance of accessible digital tools for participatory research
- showcase web accessibility assessment tools and methods
- assess own research projects and tools
- create list of requirements for accessibility improvements of the Urban Belonging Photo App

METHODOLOGY:

- Introduction to Web Accessibility guidelines and tools by Anne Thyme
- Accessibility Assessment of the Urban Belonging Photo App by Stein Erik
- trying showcased digital tools and methods for own research
- collective annotation of UB App (Figma prototype)
- Discussion and Q&A with the digital accessiibility consultants

SCOPE AND DELIVERABLES:

- Web Accessibility testing and demonstration
- List of requirements for app development

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