

DARCI Conference 2025: Programme

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Pre-Conference Day: 10th September 2025						
Start	Foyer	Scenic Stage Theatre	Seminar Room:109	Interpretation Lab	RCH/Pod 1	Black Box Theatre
9.30am	Registration					
10am			Joel Snyder: Audio Description: If Your Eyes Could Speak	Ouassima Bakkali Hassani: Exploring Audiovisual Translation: The Art and Techniques of Subtitling		Benny Shakes: Blue Badge Bunch
1pm	Lunch					
2.30pm			Freya Shaw: Hodr Engine: Enabling Blind Developers to Create Games		Michelle Duxbury: Nature: Sensory: an introduction to creative audio description through multi-sensory exploration of the landscape	
6pm		Frequencies of Being: Sounding the Unspoken by Amble Skuse (90-minute performance + Networking/Drinks)				

Conference Day 1: 11th September 2025					
Start	Foyer	Scenic Stage Theatre	Holbeck Cinema	Black Box Theatre	Large Rehearsal Room
8:30am	Registration /Coffee				
9:15am		Opening Remarks – Mariana López			
9:30am		Keynote: Hannah Thompson <i>Chair: Gavin Kearney</i>			
10.30am (break)					
10.45am			Paper Session 1A: Disability Representation in Arts and Media (90-minute session) <i>Chair: Hannah Thompson</i> -Bev Enion: Critical engagement with representations of disability and intimacy on Instagram -Khansa Maria: Borders, Bodies, and Metaphors: Exploring Post-colonial Representations of Disability in Pakistan and India -Tabby Holland: Dignity of Risk Everything: Navigating Threats to	Paper Session 1B: Sign Languages and Captioning in the Creative Industries (105-minute session) <i>Chair: Ana Tamayo</i> -Kirsty Liddiard & Ryan Bramley: Rethinking Deafness, Film and Accessibility -Fiona Slater & Audrey Cameron: Signing Culture: Using Museum Collections to Expand and Promote British Sign Language	Paper Session 1C: Sonic Dimensions of Accessibility (90-minute session) <i>Chair: Krisztián Hofstädter</i> -Paula Igareda: Translating background music in films: Where is the place for Audio Description? -Polly Ellen Goodwin: Silencing Audio Description: Using modern techniques to make silent films accessible -Marcos Antonio

			<p>Life in Teen Sick-Flicks.</p> <p>-Charlotte Baker: Engaging the Arts for Disability Inclusion in African Contexts</p>	<p>-Grzegorz Kata, Monika Zabrocka & Wiesław Poleszak: Unlocking audiovisual media for all: How AI-generated subtitles enhance audience engagement and emotional connection - results of the pilot study</p> <p>-Michael Armstrong & Michael Crabb: Using AI-based tools to monitor subtitle quality.</p> <p>-Lauren Ward & Alastair Moore: Making voices heard: Using lived experience to shape product R&D</p>	<p>Fernandes Veloso & Flávia Affonso Mayer: Sound as a Mediator of Visual Accessibility in Cinema: A Case Study of Low-Budget Brazilian Filmmaking</p> <p>-Jay Pocknell, Daisy Higman & Sarah Morley Wilkins: Accessible music notation: where are we now?</p>
12.30pm	Lunch				
1.30pm		<p>Performance 1: Experiencing aphasia: where is my voice? (60-minute session)</p> <p>Jo Melvin</p> <p>Gertrude Gibbons</p>	<p>Paper Session 2A: Audio Description and Beyond (105-minute session)</p> <p><i>Chair: Sonali Rai</i></p> <p>- Chaimae Alouan: Exploring Audio Description: Challenges in</p>	<p>Panel 1: Telepresence Stage and CRIptic Arts Present “Quality of life is not a measurable outcome” (60-minute session) (names in alphabetical order)</p> <p>Steve Dixon</p>	<p>Paper Session 2B: Gaming, VR and more: accessibility, representation and technology (90-minute session)</p> <p><i>Chair: Michael McLoughlin</i></p>

			<p>Moroccan Cinema and Television</p> <p>-Kulnaree Sueroj: Practical Challenges in Applying Thai Audio Description Guidelines for Depicting Gestures and Facial Expressions in Thai Dramas</p> <p>-Jooyin Saejang & Animmarn Leksawat: The blurred lines between information and entertainment: Thai blind and partially sighted audiences' preference for Audio Described news programmes.</p> <p>-Gonzalo Iturregui-Gallardo & Irene Hermosa-Ramírez: Wording the camp through a queer lens: Audio Description as an aesthetic experience</p> <p>-Kate Dangerfield, Pablo Romero Fresco & Ana Tamayo: Four Little Corners in the Land of Many Shapes: Participation, Representation and Accessibility in the New Media Access Spectrum</p>	<p>Jamie Hale</p> <p>Colin Hambrook</p> <p>Jayne Lloyd</p> <p>Paul Sermon</p>	<p>-Sara Blachut: Game on: Unpacking accessibility and storytelling in The Last of Us Part II</p> <p>-Giuseppe Femia: Neurodivergent TTRPG Design Workshop Ethnography</p> <p>-Calvin McCormack: A Framework for Inclusive Music-Making with Repurposed Game Controllers (<i>the system will also be demonstrated during the Day 2 Exhibition/Interactive Session</i>)</p> <p>-Tom Livingstone & Mandy Rose: Universal Design In VR. Inside: a case study of multi-sensory VR biography</p>
3.15pm	Coffee				
3.45pm		Performance 2: The	Paper Session 3: Inclusive	Panel 2: The Role of the	Panel 3: Technology,

		<p>Importance of Sleep (60 minutes. The performance will be repeated 4 times, providing 4 chances for interaction with the system and for watching on the projector screen.)</p> <p>Paul Sermon</p> <p>Morna McGeoch</p> <p>Jack Li</p>	<p>Creative Practices: Past, Present and Future (105-minute session)</p> <p><i>Chair: Monika Zabrocka</i></p> <p>-Mike Kent & Katie Ellis: A History of Audio Description in Australia</p> <p>-Zainab Rabbaa: Integrated Accessibility in Filmmaking: A Framework for Inclusive Content Creation</p> <p>-Lacey Allen: Storytelling, Fairy Tales and ADHD: Adapting Narratives for Neurodivergent Audiences</p> <p>-Caitlin McHugh: Integrating the Senses: A Reevaluation of Participation Methods</p> <p>-Andy Egerton: Bridging the Communication Gap Between Staff and Audiences: A Case Study of Museum Accessibility Practices</p>	<p>Access Coordinator in the Creative Industries (60-minute session) (names in alphabetical order)</p> <p>Rosa Alonso-Perez</p> <p>Clare Baines</p> <p>David Padmore</p> <p>Pablo Romero-Fresco</p> <p>Ana Tamayo</p> <p>Cathy Taylor</p> <p>Dan Edge</p>	<p>Inclusivity, and Co-Creation of Disability Performing Arts in the Global Easts (60-minute session)</p> <p><i>Chair: Gavin Kearney</i></p> <p>Gili Hammer</p> <p>Yuichiro Nagatsu</p> <p>Hanna Zaremba-Kosovych</p>
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5.30pm	Reception				
6pm		Performance 3: A Kaleidoscope of Sensory Experience - Access as a Catalyst for Innovation and Creativity (60-minute session)			

Conference Day 2: 12th September 2025					
Start	Foyer	Scenic Stage Theatre	Holbeck Cinema	Black Box Theatre	Large Rehearsal Room
8.30am	Registration/ Coffee				Photography Exhibition: "Right Here, Right Now. It's Historical, Big, Huge and Beautiful" Ed Clews (you can chat to Ed during the 10.30am coffee break and from 1-2.30pm)
9.30am		EAD Spotlight: Mariana López and Gavin Kearney			
10.30am	Coffee				
11am		Keynote: Raymond Antrobus <i>Chair: Mariana López</i>			
12pm	Lunch				
1pm		Performance 4: It Sticks to the Ryver (60-minute session)	Paper Session 4A: Reflections on Disability Representation and Accessibility (75-minute session)	Paper Session 4B: Accessibility in Live Performances (105-minute session)	

		Corbeau Sandoval	<p><i>Chair: Lacey Allen</i></p> <p>-Laura Jagger: Embodying encounters with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome and Fibromyalgia through ephemeral art in practice</p> <p>-Catalin Brylla: Intersectional Representations of Disability: An Interventional Framework for Reducing Stigma and Fostering Inclusion</p> <p>-Rachel Hutchinson & Harriet Fink: The Urban Nature Project: Evaluation of co-creation workshops with young blind adults</p>	<p><i>Chair: Chaimae Alouan</i></p> <p>-Grace Joseph, Louise Atkinson, Jamie Hale & Kirsty Liddiard: Access expansively conceived: Mechanical ventilation and scenographic access in Crippling Breath</p> <p>-Leni Van Goidsenhoven: Dancing on and with Audio Description: From Access Fatigue to Access Aesthetics and Access Intimacy</p> <p>-Bethany Schaufler-Biback: Beyond Compliancy: Cultivating Access Intimacy and Amongst Theatre Audiences Through Accessible Practices</p> <p>-Willow Martin: A Meta-Analysis of Accessible Practices in Toronto Theatres in 2024</p> <p>- Florencia Fascioli Álvarez & María Laura Rocha Carminatti: Break a leg! Uruguay: Inclusive Performing Arts. Contributions for the training of university students into the</p>	
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				communication of an accessible cultural project.	
2.45pm	Coffee				Photography exhibition closed
3.15pm		<p>Panel 4: The Workshop for Inclusive Co-created Audio Description (W-ICAD): an anti-ableist approach to Audio Description (60-minute session) (names in alphabetical order)</p> <p>Lindsay Bywood</p> <p>Alison Eardley</p> <p>Samuel Goldstone-Brady</p> <p>Joseph Rizzo Naudi</p>	<p>Paper Session 5: Careers in the Creative Industries: professional roles, barriers and opportunities (90-minute session)</p> <p><i>Chair: Tabby Holland</i></p> <p>-Jessi Parrott: 'To get back to the simple idea that I am a professional actor': the complexities of navigating (in)accessibility as disabled performers working in UK theatre and television</p> <p>-Matt Shuttleworth: (Dis)Ableism: A Physiological, Social and Cultural Examination of Disability Studies and Music Production</p> <p>-Leticia Lorier López & Florencia Fascioli Álvarez: Access Coordination: Processes, Roles, and Tools in Educational and Professional Audiovisual Contexts</p>	<p>Panel 5: Training Audio Describers: An Industry-Centred Approach (60-minute session) (names in alphabetical order)</p> <p><i>Chair: Mariana López</i></p> <p>Dakasha Cater Carter</p> <p>Colleen Connor</p> <p>Liz Gutman</p> <p>Melissa Hope</p>	<i>(Setting up for posters and demos, only for presenters)</i>

			-Sara García Fernández: Translation challenges in the European Union: Inclusive and accessible practices in the age of automation		
4.45pm		<p>Performance 5: Blind Perception as Immersive Descriptive Audio: Accessibility as Performance in Theatre and Dance</p> <p>(60-minute session)</p> <p>Devon Healey</p>	<p>Paper Session 6: Accessibility and Representation in Heritage</p> <p>(90-minute session)</p> <p><i>Chair: Alice Bennett</i></p> <p>-Vanessa Gumier García: Getting the sense of Valencian Fallas: A participatory approach</p> <p>-Iris C. Permy: Accessibility Services for the Blind in the World's Most Visited Museums: A Case Study</p> <p>-Hannah Twinberrow-Hirst: Reclaiming disability narrative in archival spaces: An exploration of Christopher Samuel's 'Archive of An Unseen'.</p> <p>-Hudson Ray & Elaine Richmond: Audience Research Should Be</p>	<p>Lightning Bolt Session (45-minute session)</p> <p><i>Chair: Clau Nader Jaime</i></p> <p>-Leticia Lorier : Interdisciplinary Approaches to Professional Practices in Media Accessibility</p> <p>-Polly Ellen Goodwin: Audio Description...Aiding Dementia?</p> <p>-Guilherme Ferreira de Oliveira & Suely Maciel: Media accessibility in internal communication as a strategy for the inclusion and participation of visually impaired workers</p> <p>-Liz Turnbull: The lived experiences of Individuals with Impairments (IWI): obtaining and maintaining work in the creative industries</p>	<p>Exhibition/Interactive Session (follow-up from lightning bolt session). Grab a coffee and join us from 5.30pm for posters, demos and interacting with presenters)</p>

			Fun: A Manifesto for Accessible and Creative Audience Research	(CI) -Rachel Horrell: Co-Designing Assistive Technology for Visually Impaired Musicians in Ensemble Settings -Kayleigh Doyle & Kathryn Asbury: Creative Arts-Based Pedagogy with Autistic Students: Co-Producing a Manifesto -Qiti Zhang: Interactive Multi-Sensory Environment (iMSE) Design To Support Social Engagement For Visually Impaired (VI) Children In China	
6.15pm		Closing Remarks -Mariana López (15-minute session)			