**National News (U.S.)**

**1.    Fox Theatre must provide captions for performances on demand, appeals court says- August 7, 2019 Source:**[**St. Louis Post- Dispatch**](https://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/fox-theatre-must-provide-captions-for-performances-on-demand-appeals/article_f8ce1b7c-2c6f-585f-9e05-60135951837b.html)

The Fox Theatre must provide captions for the deaf or hard-of-hearing at performances whenever a patron asks, not just one matinee performance per Broadway run, an appeals court said Wednesday. The 2-1 opinion from a panel of the 8th U.S. Court of Appeals found “that the Fox’s one-captioned-performance policy denies persons with hearing impairments an equal opportunity to gain the same benefit as persons without hearing impairments, and that deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals therefore do not have meaningful access to the benefits the Fox provides.”…

**2.    Federal Court Rules in Favor of Blind Students- August 21, 2019 Source:**[**National Federation of the Blind**](https://nfb.org/about-us/press-room/federal-court-rules-favor-blind-students)

The National Federation of the Blind, its California affiliate, and two blind students, Roy Payan and Portia Mason, have won their disability discrimination lawsuit against the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD). The Federal District Court for the Central District of California Found that LACCD violated the students’ rights under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 by, among other things, failing to provide them with accessible documents and course materials, failing to provide equal access to library resources…

**3.    Oklahoma Burger King franchise to pay $30,000 to settle disability discrimination lawsuit- August 22, 2019 Source:**[**Tulsa World**](https://www.tulsaworld.com/business/oklahoma-burger-king-franchise-to-pay-to-settle-disability-discrimination/article_05609527-81d6-5c3c-9cd8-bcee4717b062.html)

The operators of a Lawton Burger King restaurant have agreed to pay a job applicant with an intellectual disability $30,000 and furnish other relief to settle a disability discrimination lawsuit filed by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the federal agency announced Thursday. The EEOC filed suit in July 2018 alleging the defendants, Houston-based fuel retailer Northwest Petroleum LP and Burger King franchisee Travis County Investments, LP (collectively referred to as NWP) withdrew a job offer from an applicant who sought employment as a dining room and bathroom attendant…

**4.    DIA Aims To Reach Visitors With Disabilities- August 22, 2019 Source:**[**Patch**](https://patch.com/michigan/detroit/dia-aims-reach-visitors-disabilities)

The Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) is partnering with the Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired (GDABVI) and the Deaf Community Advocacy Network (DEAF C.A.N.!) to explore ways to make the museum more accessible for visitors with disabilities. "Many people with disabilities are looking for accessible arts opportunities and events to attend with family and friends, and we want to put the DIA on their radar," said Megan DiRienzo, an educator in the DIA's Interpretation Department…

**5.    Austin ‘ADA’ attorney suspended from law practice in State of New York- August 22, 2019 Source:**[**KXAN**](https://www.kxan.com/news/austin-ada-attorney-suspended-from-law-practice-in-state-of-new-york/)

Attorney Omar Rosales, who filed hundreds of Americans with Disabilities Act lawsuits against Austin businesses on behalf a single client and was suspended from practicing in the Federal Western District of Texas for three years, has been suspended in the State of New York as well, according to an August 21 order. The New York suspension will last three years. It is a “reciprocal” disciplinary measure resulting from misconduct in the Texas ADA cases, according to the New York order. This suspension is the latest of several measures, including sanctions and lawsuits, taken against Rosales since he began filing ADA cases in Central Texas in 2015…

**6.    Lawyer with Crohn's disease goes public with Starbucks story to publicize bathroom-access laws- August 22, 2019 Source:**[**ABA Journal**](http://www.abajournal.com/news/article/lawyer-with-crohns-disease-goes-public-with-starbucks-story-to-publicize-bathroom-access-law)

A lawyer with Crohn’s disease hopes to raise public awareness about bathroom-access laws with a personal story about his quest to use a bathroom at Starbucks. Stephen Marcus, 64, helped get a law passed in Massachusetts requiring retailers to open employee-only restrooms to people who have inflammatory bowel diseases in medical emergencies. He told the Boston Globe that he tried to invoke the law at a Boston Starbucks in May when he had an acute need to use the bathroom, only to be turned away...

**7.    Disability advocates urge San Diego to consider impact of North Park parking project on accessibility- August 22, 2019 Source:**[**The San Diego Union-Tribune**](https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/communities/san-diego/story/2019-08-22/disability-advocates-urge-san-diego-to-consider-impact-of-north-park-parking-project-on-accessibility)

The final design of a project that could remove hundreds of parking spaces in North Park is still in development, but disability-rights advocates are voicing concerns about how it might affect handicapped-accessible parking. The “30th Street Protected Bikeways Mobility Project” calls for the replacement of more than 420 parking spaces with a protected bike lane along a 1.7-mile stretch of 30th Street between Howard Avenue and Juniper Street, with a possible extension to Adams Avenue...

**8.    Group helps make recreational activities accessible to those with physical disabilities- August 23, 2019 Source:**[**Las Vegas Sun**](https://lasvegassun.com/news/2019/aug/23/group-helps-make-recreational-activities-accessibl/)

Ashlee Kalina suffered a spinal cord injury when she was just 2 years old—the result of an auto-pedestrian accident. She has used a wheelchair ever since. But despite her injury, Kalina grew up hiking and camping with her family, and now, at age 39, she launched an adaptive recreation group to bring these activities to other Las Vegans with physical disabilities. "Having grown up here in the Valley, I have seen so many changes—things becoming more accessible, the Americans with Disabilities Act in the early ’90s. But over the years, I noticed there’s still limitations on what people with disabilities have access to,” Kalina says...

**9.    Venice reached agreement on ADA suit over website access-  August 24, 2019 Source:**[**Sarasota Herald-Tribune**](https://www.heraldtribune.com/news/20190824/venice-reached-agreement-on-ada-suit-over-website-access)

The city of Venice has reached a settlement agreement with Andres Gomez and Open Access for All, Inc. on a lawsuit filed by Gomez in April over the ADA accessibility of the city website. Gomez, who is legally blind, has been a plaintiff in a series of suits filed against municipalities in Florida and California. The Venice Council is slated to approve the agreement as part of its consent agenda Tuesday. The settlement, which was handled for the city by Randy Mora of Clearwater-based Trask Daigneault LLP attorneys, calls for the city to pay Gomez and his counsel $10,000…

**10. Q&A: Democratic Disability Caucus head Adam Brabender highlights importance of access- August 25, 2019 Source:**[**Madison**](https://madison.com/ct/news/local/govt-and-politics/q-a-democratic-disability-caucus-head-adam-brabender-highlights-importance/article_cd98b18f-3b2e-5c2b-a201-dda312dbca43.html)

For Adam Brabender, the co-chair of the Wisconsin Democratic Party's new Disability Caucus, breaking down barriers that those with visible and invisible disabilities face is key. It's the invisible ones that Brabender, 43, has personally faced. Brabender, who has autism, is looking to use his new position with the caucus to push for more accessibility statewide, bring individuals with disabilities to the table and call on others to run for public office…

**11. Florida Judge Sanctions Serial ADA Plaintiff Alexander Johnson And Attorney Scott Dinin- August 26, 2019 Source:**[**Seyfarth Shaw**](https://www.adatitleiii.com/2019/08/florida-judge-sanctions-serial-ada-plaintiff-alexander-johnson-and-attorney-scott-dinin/)

**a.    US Judge Sanctions Miami ADA Lawyer, Client Over 'Completely Selfish' Frivolous Lawsuits- August 27, 2019 Source:**[**Law.com**](https://www.law.com/dailybusinessreview/2019/08/27/us-judge-sanctions-miami-ada-lawyer-client-over-completely-selfish-frivolous-lawsuits/)

People often ask us why plaintiffs are filing hundreds of ADA Title III lawsuits when the law only allows for injunctive relief and attorneys’ fees and costs.  In the case of prolific plaintiff Alexander Johnson, it was a nice cash supplement to his disability income, apparently.  U.S. District Judge Paul Huck determined after a sanctions hearing that Attorney Scott Dinin had paid Johnson more than $84,500 over three years (2016-2018) for his participation in various ADA lawsuits…

**12. 10 Technologies for Accessible, Affordable Cities- August 26, 2019 Source:**[**ArchDaily**](https://www.archdaily.com/923441/10-technologies-for-accessible-affordable-cities)

Major cities are facing major crises. The United Nations estimates that by 2050, almost one billion people with disabilities will live in cities, representing 15% of total city dwellers. With urban landscapes awash with inaccessible subways, shops, and bathrooms, the UN has declared that poor accessibility represents a major challenge for cities. At the same time, most cities around the world are struggling to provide safe, respectable, affordable housing for their citizens, with rent accounting for more than 50% of some incomes…

**13. I Loved Planning My Queer, Disability-Friendly Wedding — But It Wasn't Easy- August 26, 2019 Source:**[**Refinery29**](https://www.refinery29.com/en-us/planning-wedding-lgbtq-disability-friendly)

One in four adults in the U.S. are living with a disability, but you wouldn't know it given the lack of representation in media, Hollywood, and the workforce. We're shedding light on the real stories — not the caricatures — of this dynamic and vibrant community of individuals. My fiancé Macey and I had already toured a couple of wedding venues on our list when we drove to Gloucester, Massachusetts in mid-November to see a historic castle museum. On the way there, we snaked through twisty roads covered with leaves that made the entire scene look like the burnt orange sun touching the horizon at sunset…

**14. Ride-hails say they're in compliance with TLC accessibility rules- August 26, 2019 Source:**[**City & State**](https://www.cityandstateny.com/articles/policy/transportation/ride-hails-say-theyre-in-compliance-with-tlc-accessibility-rules.html)

As Uber and other ride-hailing companies face pressure to better serve wheelchair users in New York City, there are early indications that the companies are moving in the right direction. Specifically, the three major ride-hailing companies – Uber, Lyft and Via – said they’re in compliance with the first benchmark of the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission’s new accessibility rule, which requires ride-hailing companies to deploy more accessible vehicles and holds them to specific wait-time standards for wheelchair-accessible vehicles…

**15. Senior Life: How Senior-Friendly Are Our Communities?- August 26, 2019 Source:**[**The Delaware County Daily Times**](https://www.delcotimes.com/news/senior-life-how-senior-friendly-are-our-communities/article_fab5b442-c85e-11e9-bcd4-234d2a661675.html)

With an ever-increasing senior citizen population, it makes sense to pay attention to what makes an area senior-friendly. Baby boomers, those born between 1946 and 1964, began reaching the standard retirement age of 65 in 2011. There are about 76 million boomers in the United States, which represents about 29% of the population. A research report recently conducted by mobility specialist Stannah has ranked how senior-friendly states are by looking at health and safety, finance, environment and social life/accessibility…

**16. Education can transform communities — if it’s accessible to all, U.N. panelists say- August 26, 2019 Source:**[**Deseret News**](https://www.deseret.com/utah/2019/8/26/20833269/68th-united-nations-civil-society-conference-education-technology-accessibility)

After 90 minutes of discussing how education could help build more inclusive communities, Utah Valley University president Astrid Tuminez said the discussion made one thing clear — without access to all types of tools, inequities would persist. “To wrap it up, it’s really about working together to say that technology should not create another century of inequality,” she said, after moderating a panel discussion entitled “Building Inclusive Communities Through Education” at the United Nations Civil Society Conference on Monday afternoon…

**17. When young disabled athletes get injured, Nationwide Children's program helps them cope- August 27, 2019 Source:**[**MSN**](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/good-news/when-young-disabled-athletes-get-injured-nationwide-childrens-program-helps-them-cope/ar-AAGotDO?ocid=se2)

When a nerve injury in his left shoulder sidelined collegiate long-distance runner Michael Fenster in January, doctors and coaches offered what most people would view as a simple solution: rest it. Yet that was something the University of Illinois sophomore just could not do. Born without a tailbone, the New Albany native uses a wheelchair and relies on his arms to do the most basic of tasks. "I cannot rest my shoulder," Fenster said. "To rest my shoulder means to stop my life."…

**18. US Department of Education investigating UO for possible violations of disability discrimination laws- August 27, 2019 Source:**[**Oregon Daily Emerald**](https://www.dailyemerald.com/news/u-s-department-of-education-investigating-uo-for-possible-violations/article_b99c22aa-c3bf-11e9-b976-0726eeb03b73.html)

The U.S. Department of Education is investigating a 2017 complaint made against the University of Oregon that alleges university webpages, including its homepage, financial aid page and the UO Libraries Facebook page, are not accessible to people with disabilities. The investigation is assessing whether UO’s webpages violate federal civil rights laws by discriminating against people with disabilities. It is also assessing whether the university is failing to ensure that its communications with those who have disabilities are “as effective as its communications with others” …

**19. Another appeals court rules in favor of CUs in frivolous ADA suit- August 27, 2019 Source:**[**CUNA News**](https://news.cuna.org/articles/116537-another-appeals-court-rules-in-favor-of-cus-in-frivolous-ada-suit)

CUNA, Leagues and credit unions achieved their third victory at the appellate level Tuesday as the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals dismissed a frivolous lawsuit alleging website noncompliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). CUNA and the Michigan Credit Union League (MCUL) filed an amicus brief in support of the two credit unions in the lawsuit, Aeroquip CU and Belle River Community CU. Credit unions around the country have been hit with similar suits alleging violations of the ADA, however the statute does not contain specific website accessibility guidelines…

**20. Lego Launches Web Site With AI-Powered Text Instructions, Its Second Pilot For The Blind This Year- August 28, 2019 Source:**[**Peter Slatin- Forbes**](https://www.forbes.com/sites/peterslatin/2019/08/28/lego-launches-web-site-with-ai-powered-text-instructions-its-second-pilot-for-the-blind-this-year/#567cbf033924)**&**[**Z6MAG**](https://z6mag.com/2019/08/29/legos-new-tool-will-help-kids-with-blindness-and-vision-impairment-craft-their-own-toy-block-structures/)**&**[**Lego**](https://legoaudioinstructions.com/)

Matthew Shifrin's heavy-lift started when he was barely a toddler “just five or six,” he recalls, “He and a family friend, Lilya Finkel, were driving through a residential neighborhood in the Boston area where he grew up. “She suddenly pulls over by the side of the road and orders me out of the car. ‘Take that crate, and put it in the trunk’,” she told Matthew, leading him to a big crate someone had left by the roadside.  “It was really heavy - and it was filled to the brim with Lego Bricks.” …

**21. Colleges Face Investigations Over Whether Their Use of Social Media Follows Accessibility Regulations- August 28, 2019 Source:**[**EdSurge**](https://www.edsurge.com/news/2019-08-28-colleges-face-investigations-over-whether-their-use-of-social-media-follows-accessibility-regulations)

Nearly 200 colleges face federal civil rights investigations opened in 2019 about whether they are accessible and communicate effectively to people with disabilities. Among the newer aspects of these kinds of complaints is whether college social media communication meets accessibility standards. While some institutions have tried to punt responsibility for the accessibility of digital tools to the companies that produce them, that reasoning hasn’t persuaded federal agencies or judges. It’s analogous to how colleges must ensure there are ramps and elevators even in rented classroom space, says Cyndi Rowland, executive director of WebAIM…

**22. Accessibility: How soda bottles, the law and augmented reality are helping differently abled people- August 28, 2019 Source:**[**CU Boulder Today**](https://www.colorado.edu/today/2019/08/28/accessibility-how-soda-bottles-law-and-augmented-reality-are-helping-differently-abled)**(Podcast)**

This week: the world of accessibility. On this episode of the Brainwaves podcast, we’ll talk to a CEO making prostheses from plastic bottles, a lawyer fighting international copyrights for disability accommodations and a PhD student working on augmented reality lenses for NASA’s astronauts that could one day help blind people…

**23. Chicago wants to spend more on accommodations for students with disabilities. Advocates say the plan still falls short- August 28, 2019 Source:**[**Chalkbeat**](https://chalkbeat.org/posts/chicago/2019/08/28/ada-capital-budget/)

When Grace Pillsbury was 7 years old, a rare genetic condition that renders her bones brittle caused the Drummond Montessori Elementary School student to begin using a wheelchair. But only Drummond’s first floor is wheelchair-accessible, so Grace is carried upstairs to her class, or scoots up the stairs on her bottom on days she can find the strength, according to a lawsuit filed against the Chicago school district in 2017. The 10-year-old has resisted transferring to another school with an elevator, because the network that supported her through the trauma of her medical ordeal is at Drummond…

**24. Why inclusive cities start with safe streets- August 28, 2019 Source:**[**Curbed**](https://www.curbed.com/2019/8/28/20835301/universal-streets-accessible-street-design)

The fight for more equitable cities is taking to the streets—literally. New street design guidelines from the American Society for Landscape Architecture (ASLA) articulate why. Last week, ASLA released universal design guidelines for neighborhoods, streets, parks and plazas, playgrounds, and gardens—a range of scales and projects for which landscape architects are regularly called upon to design. By creating this best-practices guide, ASLA is making it easier for designers from all disciplines, elected officials, and everyday people to understand what an inclusive and accessible public realm looks like…

**25. A boy with autism wouldn't sit still on a United Airlines flight. So crew and passengers stepped in to help.- August 28, 2019 Source:**[**CNN**](https://www.cnn.com/travel/article/united-airlines-boy-autism-flight-wellness/index.html)

Braysen is a 4-year-old autistic boy who usually loves to fly. But he had a meltdown on a United Airlines flight from San Diego to Houston. That was when the aircraft's crew and passengers came together to help him. The boy's mother, Lori Gabriel of Cypress, Texas, told CNN that Braysen removed his seat belt just before takeoff, saying he wanted to sit on the floor. "It was impossible to restrain him. He was fighting both me and his father. It took the both of us to try to get him back to his chair and get his seat belt back on.”…

**26. Harris unveils disability plan focusing on education and employment opportunities- August 29, 2019 Source:**[**CNN**](https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/29/politics/kamala-harris-disability-plan/index.html)**&**[**CNBC**](https://www.cnbc.com/2019/08/29/kamala-harris-to-emphasize-access-for-individuals-with-disabilities.html)

Presidential candidate Sen. Kamala Harris unveiled her plan for Americans with disabilities on Thursday, with a focus on employment through access to education and social programs. "As President, Harris will expand access to health care, fight for integrated employment opportunities and fair wages, ensure our emergency preparedness and disaster programs are fully inclusive, fight to adequately fund classrooms to ensure equal access, build a diverse federal workforce that includes people with disabilities and fight for the civil rights of people with disabilities across the country," Harris campaign wrote in a press release…

**27. Two Blind Brothers fighting blindness one shirt at a time- August 29, 2019 Source:**[**WFLA**](https://www.wfla.com/news/local-news/two-blind-brothers-fighting-blindness-one-shirt-at-a-time/)

Two Blind Brothers are grabbing the spotlight on a national level. From Ellen DeGeneres to NBC Nightly News it’s a story that revolves around a trendy fashion line, and curing blindness. “If you care about looking amazing, being as comfortable as humanly possible, and knowing that every purchase is going to cure 11 million Americans of blindness than this shirt is just for you.” said Bryan Bradford, who works alongside his brother Bradford running their company Two Blind Brothers…

**28. ‘Vision Portraits’ Chronicles The Journeys Of Visually Impaired Artists- August 29, 2019 Source:**[**KALW**](https://www.kalw.org/post/vision-portraits-chronicles-journeys-visually-impaired-artists#stream/0)**(Video)**

On this edition of Your Call, we’ll speak with award-winning filmmaker Rodney Evans about his new film, Vision Portraits. It follows the journeys of four blind and visually impaired artists, including Evans, who only has 20 percent of his focal vision left due to a rare genetic eye disorder called retinitis pigmentosa. He says losing his peripheral vision made him a better director. What is it like for people with visual impairments to navigate today's world and what can we learn from visually impaired artists about the creative process?...

**29. The Quiet Stories- Birth of a School for the Deaf- August 29, 2019 Source:**[**The North Star Monthly**](http://www.northstarmonthly.com/features/the-quiet-stories/article_0899979e-ca6d-11e9-ac90-232cb5289877.html)

The U.S. Census of 1850 for Danville includes a column labeled “Condition” where very few markings were made. But for sisters Ellen and Mary Currier, born in 1844 and 1841 to parents John and Amy Currier, this column is marked “Deaf & dumb.” In 1852, the girls became boarders at a special school in Hartford, Conn., where their scholarship level was marked “respectable,” and here they remained while they learned communication skills and a way to get by. Ellen stayed there for seven years…

**30. For Those With Autism And Other Disabilities, New Law Could Prevent Miscommunication With Police- August 29, 2019 Source:**[**Texas Standard**](https://www.texasstandard.org/stories/for-those-with-autism-and-other-disabilities-new-law-could-prevent-miscommunication-with-police/)

Getting pulled over by a police officer can be unsettling for anyone. But it can be especially stressful for someone with a communication issue. Not being able to answer an officer’s question could put that person at risk if the officer misinterprets their behavior. But a new law going into effect Sept. 1, called the Samuel Allen Law, could help prevent that miscommunication. It’s named after a young man who lives with Asperger’s Syndrome – an autism spectrum disorder – and who has campaigned for special identification on state driver’s licenses…

Jack Fact **—** *There are an estimated 291,000 people in the U.S. with spinal cord injuries, and their average age is 43 years old, according to the National Spinal Cord Injury Statistical Center.*

Hit The Road Jack**—**[**Wheelchair accessible restaurants in Sydney**](https://www.timeout.com/sydney/restaurants/wheelchair-accessible-restaurants-in-sydney)

**International News**

**1.    Tokyo Paralympics 2020: Will Tokyo be accessible enough?- August 22, 2019 Source:**[**BBC- Japan**](https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-asia-49434807/tokyo-paralympics-2020-will-tokyo-be-accessible-enough)**(Video)**

Tokyo is set to host the next Paralympic Games in 2020 - but how accessible is the Japanese capital? BBC disability news correspondent Nikki Fox meets Josh Grisdale - the creator of Accessible Japan, a blog to help people locate disability-friendly and accessible spots in Japan…

**2.    The looming accessible homes crisis- August 23, 2019 Source:**[**Planning, BIM & Construction Today- UK**](https://www.pbctoday.co.uk/news/building-control-news/looming-accessible-homes/62063/)

Accessible homes are vital to enable older and disabled people to live safely and independently. Habinteg’s recent Insight Report: A Forecast for Accessible Homes revealed that less than half of all planning authorities have set requirements for new homes to meet higher accessibility standards. This is why Habinteg welcomes the government’s updated planning practice guidance, published last month, on housing for older and disabled people, which includes advice for councils in preparing their Local Plans...

**3.    Businesswoman Makes India’s Wonders Accessible For Those With Reduced Mobility- August 23, 2019 Source:**[**The Better India**](https://www.thebetterindia.com/192543/delhi-qutub-minar-taj-mahal-tourism-facilities-jindal-accessible-tourism-india/)

Can you imagine not being able to step out of your house for almost 10 years?” asks Sminu Jindal, one of the most prominent names in the steel, oil and gas industry of India. What might seem like a paradoxical statement here is indeed the truth and a compelling saga of a woman who fought all obstacles to rise to prominence. The Managing Director of Jindal SAW Ltd is not just the first woman in India to break into a highly male-dominated sector as a leader, but a roaring voice who has dedicated her entire life towards advocating the need for accessibility in India and beyond...

**4.    How Voting Has Become More Accessible to Canadians- August 23, 2019 Source:**[**HuffPost- Canada**](https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/how-voting-has-become-more-accessible-to-canadians_ca_5d289481e4b0060b11eb31ca)

**a.    Disabled voters still feeling left out of Manitoba election: disability advocate- August 23, 2019 Source:**[**CBC- Canada**](https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/disabled-vote-barriers-manitoba-elections-1.5258417)

There’s undeniable excitement in the air during an election year, and with the federal election coming up this fall, Canadians from coast to coast are getting ready to hit the polls and make their voices heard. Put simply, casting a ballot is our democratic right –– it’s one of the best ways for Canadians of all backgrounds to make a valuable contribution to our country. In recent decades, there have been ongoing improvements to meet the needs of eligible electors with varying abilities. In partnership with Elections Canada, here are the tools and services that are available to assist electors...

**5.    Does the Art World Have a Problem with Disabled People?- August 23, 2019 Source:**[**Frieze- UK**](https://frieze.com/article/does-art-world-have-problem-disabled-people)

Do the visual arts in the UK have a problem with disability? The recent experience of wheelchair user Ciara O’Connor during her visit to Tate Modern’s current Olafur Eliasson exhibition would seem to suggest so. Appalled by the lack of a simple access ramp in the place of the two steps required to enter Eliasson’s 2002 work Your Spiral View, her eloquently angry Twitter thread on the subject has been retweeted over 2,000 times. It includes a defiant cry for change: ‘I want a fucking ramp. I want elevators. I want wide doorways […] I don’t want to ask permission. I don’t want to be grateful for every reasonable adjustment.’...

**6.    Local body elections are vital in removing barriers for disability community- August 24, 2019 Source:**[**Stuff- New Zealand**](https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/115031562/local-body-elections-are-vital-in-removing-barriers-for-disability-community)

The contests for local board and council are often overlooked amongst parliamentary scandals and heated mayoral bouts. But local board members and councillors are in the best position to initiate meaningful change towards a more accessible New Zealand. Aside from wielding tremendous influence over housing and transport, these candidates provide the closest point of contact for people in the community wanting to have their voices heard. Auckland councillors exercised this power when lobbying the government to address flaws in the Building Act...

**7.    Disabled people push for need of accessible & disabled-friendly Indian Railways- August 23, 2019 Source:**[**NewzHook- India**](https://newzhook.com/story/disabled-accessibility-indian-railways-facilities-anuprayaas-virali-modi-features)

People with disabilities from across India demand for the need of accessible and disabled friendly railways stations and coaches. Though the Accessible India campaign was launched in 2015, nothing substantial has been done till date owing to which travel becomes a nightmare for disabled people. Sunitha Thripanikkara, a nationally acclaimed artist, has to travel extensively often on work. Flying so often is beyond her means and she depends on trains…

**8.    Rick Hansen awards Mosaic Stadium gold rating on accessibility- August 24, 2019 Source:**[**Leader Post- Canada**](https://leaderpost.com/news/local-news/rick-hansen-awards-mosaic-stadium-gold-rating-on-accessibility)**&**[**CKRM**](https://www.620ckrm.com/2019/08/25/mosaic-stadium-becomes-first-sporting-venue-to-receive-gold-rating-for-accessibility/)**&**[**GlobeNewswire**](https://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2019/08/26/1906711/0/en/Rick-Hansen-Foundation-Awards-Mosaic-Stadium-Highest-Certification-for-Accessibility-in-Saskatchewan.html)**&**[**northeastNOW**](https://northeastnow.com/2019/08/26/mosaic-stadium-certified-gold-for-accessibility-prior-to-matchup-with-ottawa/)

From its initial planning through to final construction, Mayor Michael Fougere said Mosaic Stadium was always intended to be an inclusive space for people with disabilities — a dedication that was rewarded when the stadium became the first in Canada to be rated Accessibility Certified Gold. On Saturday afternoon, Rick Hansen, longtime accessibility advocate and founder of the Rick Hansen Foundation (RHF), presented Mosaic Stadium and the City of Regina with the award…

**9.    Government of Canada invests in information technology to improve accessibility- August 25, 2019 Source:**[**New Kerala- Canada**](https://www.newkerala.com/news/read/199000/government-of-canada-invests-in-information-technology-to-improve-accessibility.html)

**a.    Qualtrough releases What We Learned report- August 26, 2019 Source:**[**Delta-Optimist- Canada**](https://www.delta-optimist.com/news/qualtrough-releases-what-we-learned-report-1.23927725)

Canadians with disabilities deserve the same opportunities to find good jobs, contribute to their communities, and build a better life for themselves and their families. Yet many Canadians with disabilities still face barriers to full participation in the digital economy. Today, the Honourable Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Public Services and Procurement and Accessibility, on behalf of the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, announced that the Government of Canada will invest over $2.7 million in AccessNow…

**10. Traveling Is Hard, Traveling With a Disability Is Harder, Says Accessible Tourism Startup CEO- August 25, 2019 Source:**[**CTech- Israel**](https://www.calcalistech.com/ctech/articles/0,7340,L-3768923,00.html)

Traveling can be a hard and exhausting experience for anyone, but for those with disabilities, it is profoundly more difficult and expensive, according to Lioz Amar, founder and CEO of Israel-based startup Travaxy Ltd., which offers tourism services for people with disabilities or special needs. Amar, who founded Travaxy in 2016, became wheelchair-bound after sustaining an injury during his military service. Based in northern Israeli town Ramat Yishai, the company offers an online service that lets people with various disabilities book flights, hotels, and even wheelchairs, crutches, and other mobility aids…

**11. Call for better accessibility in Wellington's halls of power- August 26, 2019 Source:**[**Stuff- New Zealand**](https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/114884755/call-for-better-accessibility-in-wellingtons-halls-of-power)

The symbol of democracy and power in New Zealand – Parliament – is not up to snuff when it comes to accessibility for people with disabilities, advocates say. Parliament was "technically accessible" but posed barriers – physically and symbolically – to power, disability rights advocate Henrietta Bollinger said. Having accessed Parliament as a visitor and as a worker, Bollinger, a wheelchair user, said in practice the halls of power were a "real rigmarole" to traverse for people with mobility impairments…

**12. Entrepreneur Prateeek Khandelwal’s accessibility campaign #RampMyCity spreads wings across India- August 26, 2019 Source:**[**NewzHook- India**](https://newzhook.com/story/entrepreneur-prateeek-khandelwals-accessibility-campaign-rampmycity-spreads-wings-across-india)

Two years ago, when Bengaluru-based entrepreneur Prateek Khandelwal got the idea of launching a campaign to make city restaurants accessible to disabled people, there were some skeptical reactions. "Many people told me it would never work", he says but Prateek persisted, convinced that #RampMyCity would blow in winds of change. Prateek reached out to owners of high-end restaurants and found them open to the idea. From eight restaurants in the initial months, the number grew to 30 across Bengaluru in 18 months…

**13. Does the fashion industry cater for disabled people?- August 26, 2019 Source:**[**BBC- UK**](https://www.bbc.com/news/av/uk-49453589/does-the-fashion-industry-cater-for-disabled-people)**(Video)**

Last year Chloe Ball-Hopkins made a jumpsuit with the clothing shop ASOS. It was designed with wheelchair users in mind, but anyone could wear it. It’s an example of accessible fashion and 12 months on from the launch of her jumpsuit, Chloe has been to find out if other brands have followed suit…

**14. Entrepreneur and wheelchair user Grace Stratton opens NZ Fashion Week- August 26, 2019 Source:**[**New Zealand Herald**](https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12262126)

New Zealand Fashion Week has been opened by a person with a physical disability for the first time tonight. Grace Stratton, an entrepreneur and accessibility advocate, spoke at the event's official opening function at the Auckland Town Hall this evening. Stratton, who has cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair, said her high-profile role at Fashion Week was a great chance to show what diversity in the industry looked like in practice. "People talk about diversity and inclusion a lot, and the discussion is great, but that discussion has to follow through and turn into action," she told the Herald…

**15. Experiencing sight loss at the QE- August 26, 2019 Source:**[**KLFM- UK**](https://www.klfm967.co.uk/news/klfm-news/2939579/experiencing-sight-loss-at-the-qe/)

CEO Caroline Shaw was able to take a step in the shoes of patients who are blind or have limited vision thanks to the support of Helen Sismore from Guide Dogs. The QE has worked closely with Guide Dogs to introduce a number of improvements to help vision impaired patients navigate around the site and reach their appointments. During the guided tour Caroline wore an eye mask, which completely blocked out her sight, while receiving a guided walk from the outside of the hospital into the main entrance…

**16. For an enabling environment- August 27, 2019 Source:**[**The New Indian Express- India**](http://www.newindianexpress.com/opinions/editorials/2019/aug/27/for-an-enabling-environment-2024701.html)

The ministry of road transport and highways recently issued an advisory on making public transport accessible for persons with disabilities. On the face of it, the advisory appears a welcome move. However, when looked at closely it raises some larger questions. For one, the advisory says that 25% of public and private transport should be made accessible. However, the progressive Rights of Persons With Disabilities Act (RPWD) of 2016 says all public transport and buildings and facilities must be made accessible to persons with disabilities…

**17. 10-year-old legally blind horse rider barred from equestrian competition- August 27, 2019 Source:**[**Global News- Canada**](https://globalnews.ca/news/5812786/blind-girl-barred-horse-riding/)

Kyra Barrett loves horseback riding, especially jumping — even though she’s been legally blind since birth. The 10-year-old girl from Pritchard, a small community east of Kamloops, B.C., has always been thrilled by the sport and the sense of freedom it gives her, calling it the “funnest thing ever.” She’s been able to get around her disability thanks to her coach, who uses a guide horse and verbal commands to make sure she knows where to go and when to stop while jumping. “He’ll tell me to go left if the jump’s on the left, and he’ll block me off so I don’t go to the right,” Kyra said of the guide horse…

**18. Publishers, universities struggle to provide timely access to accessible textbooks- August 27, 2019 Source:**[**University Affairs- Canada**](https://www.universityaffairs.ca/news/news-article/publishers-universities-struggle-to-provide-timely-access-to-accessible-textbooks/)

When Alycia Pottie was a teenager, she lost most of her sight to a combination of glaucoma and uveitis, a form of ocular inflammation. She’s been legally blind ever since, and for the past four years, as a psychology student at Mount Saint Vincent University, she’s relied on the accommodations that many visually impaired Canadian students use: large-print course materials, extra time on exams and, critically, accessible electronic textbooks. But in almost every class, she says, her semesters began with her waiting for most of her books – sometimes for a week, sometimes two, sometimes more…

**19. Accessibility for PWDs- August 28, 2019 Source:**[**Daily Times- Pakistan**](https://dailytimes.com.pk/455255/accessibility-for-pwds/)

Persons with disabilities (PWDs) have historically been, and continue to, remain a marginalised and underprivileged group, irrespective of the sympathies reserved for them. Until and unless we, the physically abled population of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, put ourselves in the shoes of PWDs, discrimination against PWDs will continue to persist. From using a public toilet to getting a BPS-05 scale job, persons with disabilities continue to get less than what they deserve. Perhaps, token sympathies don’t offer a concrete solution. What is required is a sustained empathy and recognition of their fundamental rights…

**20. Interview: Paralympic games shows a friendly China for the disabled- August 28, 2019 Source:**[**China.org.cn**](http://www.china.org.cn/china/Off_the_Wire/2019-08/28/content_75145727.htm)

China's ongoing national Paralympic games highlights the country's recent improvements in accessibility and accommodation for disabled people, according to Majed Rashed, President of the Asian Paralympic Committee (APC). "A national Paralympic games is not just about sports, metals and competitions, it is about a friendly country for people with disabilities," Rashed told Xinhua in a recent interview during the 10th National Games for Persons with Disabilities & the 7th National Special Olympics Games…

**21. Bombay High Court gaze on accessibility shortfalls puts civic authorities in a spot- August 28, 2019 Source:**[**NewzHook- India**](https://newzhook.com/story/bombay-high-court-gaze-on-accessibility-shortfalls-puts-civic-authorities-in-a-spot)

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation is taking a close hard look at Mumbai's accessibility shortcomings after the Bombay High Court ordered civic authorities to inspect 15 establishments in the city to check whether or not they are accessible to people with disabilities. From iconic buildings like the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), Regal Cinema to major malls, some of Mumbai's most popular and well-known establishments lack even wheelchair ramps. The few that exist are temporary…

**22. Time to go live- August 28, 2019 Source:**[**Cascadia Weekly- Canada**](http://www.cascadiaweekly.com/cw/currents/time_to_go_live)

It used to be that when I thought about accessibility—when I thought of it at all—physical accommodations like ramps, rails and lifts were what came to mind. Then I was hired as a projectionist at the Pickford Film Center and took note of a consistently occurring phenomenon: Every time we showed a subtitled film, folks from the deaf and hearing-impaired community came to see it. It didn’t take a genius to figure out that the reason for this had less to do with their collective love for foreign cinema and far more to do with the fact that these were the films they could watch in a movie theater and have an enjoyable experience…

**23. UKinbound announces support of Government's accessibility agenda- August 28, 2019 Source:**[**Conference News- UK**](https://www.conference-news.co.uk/news/ukinbound-announces-support-governments-accessibility-agenda)

In June 2019, the Government pledged to make the UK the most accessible destination in Europe by 2025 as part of the new Tourism Sector Deal. Today, 28 August, UKinbound signalled its commitment to supporting this undertaking by announcing a new partnership with Revitalise – the national charity that creates respite holidays for disabled people and carers. The collaboration will see both organisations work together on a number of projects that will help to inform and educate UK tourism businesses about how they can best support and accommodate disabled visitors, and the business case for doing so…

**24. Why this advocate fights for disability justice — not just accessibility- August 28, 2019 Source:**[**TVO- Canada**](https://www.tvo.org/article/why-this-advocate-fights-for-disability-justice-not-just-accessibility)

When Sarah Jama sought advice in Grade 12 about what she should do after high school, she was steered toward another year of high school and told to pursue college instead of university. “It happens to a lot of people — not just with disabilities, but also racialized people,” Jama tells Nam Kiwanuka on The Agenda in the Summer. She didn’t listen to that advice, instead opting to pursue a social-sciences degree at McMaster University, in Hamilton. While a student there, she co-founded the Disability Justice Network of Ontario, a group that works to create a world in which people with disabilities feel free to fit in anywhere and build community…

**25. UK Government supports UK tourism businesses on Accessible Tourism- August 28, 2019 Source:**[**FTN News- UK**](https://ftnnews.com/tours/37672-uk-government-supports-uk-tourism-businesses-on-accessible-tourism)

As the demand for accessible holidays is increasing, the Government pledged to make the UK the most accessible destination in Europe by 2025 as part of the new Tourism Sector Deal.  Today, UKinbound signaled its commitment to supporting this undertaking by announcing a new partnership with Revitalise – the national charity that creates respite holidays for disabled people and carers. The collaboration will see both organizations work together on a number of projects that will help to inform and educate UK tourism businesses about how they can best support and accommodate disabled visitors, and the business case for doing so…

**26. Is Technology Finally Making Life More Adaptable for Musicians with Disabilities?- August 28, 2019 Source:**[**Highsnobiety- UK**](https://www.highsnobiety.com/p/disabled-musicians-technology/)

Earlier this year, UK-based charity Attitude Is Everything released the results of its Next Stage Survey, which found that the music industry is severely failing deaf and disabled artists. The disability-led organization asked a total of 96 disabled musicians, who represent more than 15 different impairment groups, about everything from studio accessibility to industry attitudes more generally. The results were sobering: 38% of respondents were physically unable to access their nearest rehearsal space; 45% of artists who had used recording studios encountered barriers while doing so; one in five were even forced to cancel shows due to access issues…

**27. A landscape architect graduate created a TTC map with only accessible stations- August 28, 2019 Source:**[**Toronto Star- Canada**](https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2019/08/28/a-landscape-architect-graduate-created-a-ttc-map-with-only-accessible-stations.html)

Getting around a city the size of Toronto can be difficult, especially for someone with a disability or mobility issues, and that includes navigating the subway system. That’s why Robin Hufgard, a landscape architecture graduate with a background in studio art, created a TTC subway map designed with accessibility in mind. Hufgard’s map, which is available online to download for free, looks similar to the official TTC subway map, but only lists stops deemed by the TTC to be “fully accessible.”…

**28. New program aims to level the playing field for youth with disabilities- August 28, 2019 Source:**[**Folio- Canada**](https://www.folio.ca/new-program-aims-to-level-the-playing-field-for-youth-with-disabilities/)

Born with spina bifida and hydrocephalus, Morgan Cathcart said taking part in active play as a part-time wheelchair user was discouraging. “Being outside with my friends was hard because they didn’t know how to adapt things for me,” she said. “They would be playing in the wood chips and go off towards the playground, and I couldn’t get there. It was too far for me so I would end up sitting on the sidelines.” She said doctors provided her and her parents with resources but most of it was information about motor function and basic life skills…

**29. Blind Man’s Life-Threatening Fall Highlights Iran’s Lacking Safety Measures for People With Disabilities- August 28, 2019 Source:**[**Center for Human Rights- Iran**](https://www.iranhumanrights.org/2019/08/blind-mans-life-threatening-fall-highlights-irans-lacking-safety-measures-for-people-with-disabilities/)

News of severe injuries sustained by a blind man who fell from a pedestrian bridge in the southern Iranian city of Chabahar has sparked concerns over the city’s lack of accessible safety signs as well as renewed calls for urgent action by the government. While walking on his usual daily route on August 6, 2019, Soali Nokari fell from a bridge and was hospitalized in the intensive care unit with severe hip and rib injuries. If warning tape had been placed at the site of the accident to warn people with disabilities about ongoing construction on the bridge, Nokari would have been able to avoid the fall…

**30. People with sight loss have avoid rail travel due to accessibility issues- August 29, 2019 Source:**[**Global Railway Review- UK**](https://www.globalrailwayreview.com/news/87649/sight-loss-accessibility/)

A new survey by Guide Dogs has revealed how inaccessible train travel currently is for people in the UK with sight loss. With an ageing population and the number of people with sight loss set to double by 2050, the findings shine a light on the true scale of the challenges people are facing and demonstrate an urgent need for the Government to make improvements to train travel, as promised in last year’s Inclusive Transport Transport Strategy. The poll among people with sight loss showed problems begin at the station…

**Accessibility Blogs & Information**

* [#DeafAtWork series!- NAD](https://twitter.com/NAD1880/status/1164196723654156288) **(Video)**
* [A11y Benchmarking Tool- IAAP](https://www.accessibilityassociation.org/content.asp?contentid=608)
* [More Than Meets The Eye And Ear- Peter Slatin- Forbes](https://www.forbes.com/sites/peterslatin/2019/08/19/more-than-meets-the-eye-and-ear/#3b4f5ad934da)
* [The truth about the ROI of Web Accessibility- Karl Groves](https://karlgroves.com/2019/08/27/the-truth-about-the-roi-of-web-accessibility)
* [New Libraries website enhances information flow- Nevada Today](https://www.unr.edu/nevada-today/blogs/2019/libraries-new-website)
* [How Technology Is Improving Accessibility In Healthcare- Skyline](http://www.skylinenewspaper.com/how-technology-is-improving-accessibility-in-healthcare/)
* [Awarding Paralympic Awareness- Accessible Japan- Justin Schroth](https://www.accessible-japan.com/awarding-paralympic-awareness/)
* [ADA website compliance; beware ambulance chasers- Greg Demetriou](https://libn.com/2019/08/29/demetriou-ada-website-compliance-beware-ambulance-chasers/)
* [5 Musts To Make Your Business Disability-Friendly- Women’s LifeLink](http://www.womenslifelink.com/5-musts-to-make-your-business-disability-friendly/)
* [Mumbai: Accessibility an issue, activists seek inclusivity- Times of India](https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/mumbai-accessibility-an-issue-activists-seek-inclusivity/articleshow/70852218.cms)
* [Is your website ADA compliant?- Today's Veterinary Business Magazine](https://todaysveterinarybusiness.com/is-your-website-ada-compliant/)
* [Survey: Public Wants Government Websites to Be Easier to Use- Nextgov](https://www.nextgov.com/cio-briefing/2019/08/survey-public-wants-government-websites-be-easier-use/159387/)
* [Having a VPAT is not the same thing as being accessible- Sheri Byrne-Haber](https://medium.com/swlh/having-a-vpat-is-not-the-same-thing-as-being-accessible-12ad2fc35181)
* [Data privacy office updates five key policies in first six months- GW Hatchet](https://www.gwhatchet.com/2019/08/29/data-privacy-office-updates-five-key-policies-in-first-six-months/)
* [Digital Content Accessibility- University of Virginia Center for Teaching Excellence](https://cte.virginia.edu/resources/digital-content-accessibility) **(**[PDF](https://cte.virginia.edu/sites/cte.virginia.edu/files/research/%3Cem%3EEdit%20Research%20%26amp%3B%20Resources%3C/em%3E%20Digital%20Content%20Accessibility%20/Accessibility%20for%20Digital%20Content.pdf)**)**
* [Bill C-81: New Accessibility Obligations Are Here For Federal Entities- Gowling WLG](https://gowlingwlg.com/en/insights-resources/articles/2019/bill-c-81-new-accessibility-obligations/)
* [Practically Active: Parking Scofflaws Add to Life's Hardships- Arkansas Democrat-Gazette](https://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2019/aug/26/parking-scofflaws-add-to-life-s-hardshi/)
* [A student with social anxiety on why a 1st impression isn't always enough- PBS NewsHour](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mOHngOg-w_4&feature=youtu.be) **(Video)**
* [Gallaudet University praises Apple's commitment to accessibility and inclusivity- Apple Insider](https://appleinsider.com/articles/19/08/28/gallaudet-university-praises-apples-commitment-to-accessibility-and-inclusivity)
* [PLANNING AHEAD: Do shared living arrangements make sense?- The Delaware County Daily Times](https://www.delcotimes.com/business/planning-ahead-do-shared-living-arrangements-make-sense/article_75f8b48a-d1fb-5655-9560-2d4ec9e60eee.html)
* [Even free software needs VPATs …If you want a Section 508-regulated organization to use it.- Sheri Byrne-Haber](https://medium.com/@sheribyrnehaber/even-free-software-needs-vpats-e016ec2111dd)
* [California Supreme Court Issues Unanimous Decision Affirming Full, Equal Access in the Internet Age- Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund](https://dredf.org/2019/08/16/california-supreme-court-issues-unanimous-decision-affirming-full-equal-access-in-the-internet-age/)

**Accessibility Training & Meetings**

* [New Subtitling Training For Real-Time Media And Events](https://www.euroscientist.com/new-subtitling-training-for-real-time-media-and-events/)
* **Document Accessibility, Part 1: Word Accessibility and PDF Accessibility, Fundamentals**(Austin, TX) — Offered [September 4](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/document-accessibility-part-1-word-accessibility-and-pdf-accessibility-fundamentals-4/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2019august29-Training) , [October 1](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/document-accessibility-part-1-word-accessibility-and-pdf-accessibility-fundamentals-4/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2019august29-Training" \t "_blank) and [November](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/document-accessibility-part-1-word-accessibility-and-pdf-accessibility-fundamentals-4/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2019august29-Training) 5
* [Intro to CommonLook Office – Word- September 5, 2019 @ 9:00 am - 12:30 pm UTC-5](https://commonlook.com/events/intro-to-commonlook-office-word-6/2019-09-05/)
* [Evaluating Websites for Accessibility- September 5, 2019](https://www.accessibilityonline.org/archives/session_detail.aspx?id=110746)
* [Designing for Accessibility webinar- The University of Alabama- September 09, 2019, 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM Central Time](https://www.ua.edu/events/event/129686/)
* [Department of English - The Ohio State University- Lainey Feingold, specialist in digital accessibility law- September 9, 2019 - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm](https://english.osu.edu/events/lainey-feingold-specialist-digital-accessibility-law)
* **Document Accessibility, Part 2: PDF Accessibility, Intermediate** (Austin, TX) — Offered [September 10](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/document-accessibility-part-2-pdf-accessibility-intermediate-2/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2019august29-Training) , [October 15](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/document-accessibility-part-2-pdf-accessibility-intermediate-2/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2019august29-Training) and [November 13](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/document-accessibility-part-2-pdf-accessibility-intermediate-2/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2019august29-Training)
* [Managing Your Mood- September 10th, 2019 @ 8:00pm - 9:15pm US/Eastern](https://www.cando-ms.org/multiple-sclerosis-programs/webinar-series)
* [Digital Workplace Maturity Model: Examining Frameworks - September 11, 2019 - 11am - 12:30pm ET](https://www.accessibilityassociation.org/digitalworkplaceinclusion)
* **Document Accessibility: Accessible PowerPoint Presentations** (Austin, TX) — Offered  [September 12](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/document-accessibility-accessible-powerpoint-presentations-3/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2019august29-Training), [October 9](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/document-accessibility-accessible-powerpoint-presentations-3/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2019august29-Training) and [November](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/document-accessibility-accessible-powerpoint-presentations-3/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2019august29-Training) 7
* [IAAP- Deque- The Real Cost of Accessibility Complaints and Lawsuits- September 12, 2019, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Eastern](https://www.accessibilityassociation.org/content.asp?admin=Y&contentid=598&utm)
* [Adobe Acrobat Accessibility- Academic Innovation Studio - University of California, Berkeley  - September 16, 2019, 11:00AM TO 12:00PM](https://ais.berkeley.edu/events/adobe-acrobat-accessibility/2019-09-16)
* [PDF Remediation Techniques - September 18, 2019 - 11 am - 12:30 pm](https://www.accessibilityassociation.org/content.asp?admin=Y&contentid=597)
* **Document Accessibility, Part 3: PDF Accessibility, Advanced** (Austin, TX) — Offered  [September 18](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/document-accessibility-part-3-pdf-accessibility-advanced-2/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2019august29-Training), [October 24](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/document-accessibility-part-3-pdf-accessibility-advanced-2/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2019august29-Training) and [November 19](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/document-accessibility-part-3-pdf-accessibility-advanced-2/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2019august29-Training)
* [Is your IT department ready to meet the new digital accessibility requirements?-  University College London- September 18, 2019](https://www.ucisa.ac.uk/groups/deg/Events/2019/accessibility)
* [Evaluating & Managing Accessibility in 3rd Party Web Content- September 19, 2019 10:00am to 12:00pm Eastern Time](https://www.accessibilityonline.org/ada-tech/session/?id=110714)
* [University of Alabama- Introduction to Accessibility Management Platform workshop- September 19, 2019, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM CT](https://www.ua.edu/events/event/129695/)
* [Applying Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Principles to Online Courses to Increase Accessibility and Engagement- September 23-29, 2019](https://onlinelearningconsortium.org/learn/olc-new-institute-schedule/institute-offerings/?id=413&cohort=617)
* [Evaluating Websites for Accessibility under the Section 508 Standards- September 24, 2019 at 1:00 PM Eastern Time Zone](https://www.accessibilityonline.org/cioc-508/session/?id=110747)
* [UX Virtual Panel: Inclusive Design vs. Universal Design vs. Accessibility- September 24, 2:00-3:00PM EST](https://accessibility.deque.com/accessibility-universal-design-inclusive-design-webinar)
* [An Introduction to Digital Accessibility- Case Western Reserve University- September 25, 2019- 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM](https://community.case.edu/UTech/rsvp_boot?id=504877)
* [Inclusive Emergency Planning and Personal Preparedness- September 26, 2019 2:00 p.m. in Central Time (US and Canada)](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IfUNpkG6RYmoInLO4dT8Og)
* [The Fact & Fiction of Document Accessibility - Monday, September 30, 2019 - Minneapolis MN](https://www.meetup.com/Accessibility-Twin-Cities/events/258338022/)
* [WEBINAR: Web Accessibility Guidelines: WCAG 2.0 and 2.1- October 1, 2019 from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM (ET)](https://www.ahead.org/events/event-description?CalendarEventKey=f1053bd3-9270-4a1d-b587-a7d1f7a31513&Home=%2Fhome)
* [Best Accessibility Practices for Moving from Paper Forms to Online Forms- October 3, 2019 | Austin, Texas | 9:00 – 11:15 am CT](https://dir.texas.gov/View-About-DIR/Calendar-Detail.aspx?id=695)
* [Access 2019 - October 3, 2019 - 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM - Boston, MA](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/access-2019-tickets-56415471193?discount=astronaut)
* [2019 Inter-Agency Accessibility Forum- October 7-8, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.](https://www.section508.gov/blog/2019-interagency-accessibility-forum)
* [Accessibility for Web Writers - October 8, 2019 - 1-2 pm AEDT](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/accessibility-for-web-writers-tickets-51955385958)
* [Inclusion Through Technology - October 9, 2019 - 11am - 12:30pm ET](https://www.accessibilityassociation.org/digitalworkplaceinclusion)
* [Inclusive Design 24 (#id24)- October 10, 2019](https://inclusivedesign24.org/2019/)
* [2019 UPDATE: Integrating Accessibility into IT Procurement - October 17, 2019 - 11 am - 12:30 pm](https://www.accessibilityassociation.org/content.asp?admin=Y&contentid=598)
* [Introduction to Web Accessibility - Princeton University - October 24, 2019](https://accessibility.princeton.edu/events/introduction-web-accessibility-Oct-19)
* [Inclusion Branding: How Brands Can Align Business Goals and CSR by Sharing Their Disability Inclusion and Accessibility Stories - November 6, 2019 - 11am - 12:30pm ET](https://www.accessibilityassociation.org/digitalworkplaceinclusion)
* [Advanced Social Media Accessibility- November 7, 2019, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Eastern](https://www.accessibilityassociation.org/content.asp?admin=Y&contentid=604)
* [World Usability Day - November 14, 2019](https://worldusabilityday.org/)
* [Testing for Accessibility: free tools to assess the accessibility of online resources- November 20, 2019 2:00 PM-3:30 PM EST](https://www.lyrasis.org/Content/Pages/Event-Details.aspx?Eid=5FCB935A-33A7-E911-80FD-00155D73CF3B)
* [Develop, Test, Deploy: Accessible Email and Document Templates for an entire State- December 3, 2019, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Eastern](https://www.accessibilityassociation.org/content.asp?admin=Y&contentid=605)
* [Using Certification to Strengthen your Workforce - December 3, 2019 - 11am - 12:30pm ET](https://www.accessibilityassociation.org/digitalworkplaceinclusion)
* [Introduction to Web Accessibility - Princeton University - December 17, 2019](https://accessibility.princeton.edu/events/introduction-web-accessibility-Dec-19)
* [Employee Accommodation Knowledge through Data, Tools and Resources - January 8, 2020 - 11am - 12:30pm ET](https://www.accessibilityassociation.org/digitalworkplaceinclusion)
* [Industry Inclusive Initiatives: Profiles of Innovations - February 12, 2020 - 11am - 12:30pm ET](https://www.accessibilityassociation.org/digitalworkplaceinclusion)
* [Getting to Equal: The Disability Inclusion Advantage - March 18, 2020 - 11am - 12:30pm ET](https://www.accessibilityassociation.org/digitalworkplaceinclusion)
* [Digital Inclusion and Future of Work - April 8, 2020 - 11am - 12:30pm ET](https://www.accessibilityassociation.org/digitalworkplaceinclusion)

**Accessibility Conferences**

* [TPAC 2019- Fukuoka, Japan](https://www.w3.org/2019/09/TPAC/)

**Date:** September 16-20, 2019

* [Make AT for All Conference and Expo- Monroeville, PA](http://www.cvent.com/events/2nd-annual-assistive-technology-makers-fair/event-summary-011b35ab291244b59be6baab7840fabe.aspx)

**Date:** September 24-25, 2019

* [4th Annual ICT Accessibility Testing Symposium- Washington, DC](https://ictaccessibilitytesting.org/)  [Symposium: Perfecting Traditional Methods, Tackling Emerging Interfaces, and Beyond](https://2019ict.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/ICT-2019-Preliminary-Program.pdf) **(PDF)**

**Date:** September 30-October 2, 2019

* [Midwest UX Conference - Grand Rapids, MI](https://2019.midwestuxconference.com/)

**Date:** October 10-12, 2019

* [ReelAbilities Film Festival: Los Angeles, CA](https://reelabilities.org/losangeles/)

**Date:** October 11-14th, 2018

* [EDUCAUSE Annual Conference- Chicago, IL](https://events.educause.edu/annual-conference)

**Date:** October 14–17, 2019

* [Game Accessibility Conference- Plexal, London](https://www.gaconf.com/)

Date: October 21, 2019

* [17th International Conference on Computers Helping People with Special Needs - Lecco, Italy](https://www.icchp.org/)

**Date:** October 21, 2019

* [#a11yTO Conference 2019 - Toronto, Ontario](https://conf.a11yto.com/)

**Date:** October 24-25, 2019

* [Accessibility Scotland 2019 - Edinburgh, Scotland](https://accessibility.scot/)

**Date:** October 25, 2019

* [2019 Australian A11Y Camp - Sydney, Australia](https://a11ycamp.org.au/)

**Date:** November 12-15, 2019

* [Assistive Technology Conference of New England- Warwick, RI](http://www.assistivetechnologyconference.com/)

**Date:** November 14-15, 2019

* [2019 National Federation of the Blind of Texas Convention- Austin, TX](https://www.nfbtx.org/events.php?id=57&cid=)

**Date:** November 15-17, 2019

* [Consumer Electronic Show- Las Vegas, NV](https://www.ces.tech/Logistics/Register-Now.aspx)

**Date:** January 7-10, 2020

* [ELI Annual Meeting- Bellevue, Washington](https://events.educause.edu/eli/annual-meeting/2020)

**Date:** March 2–4, 2020

* [CSUN Assistive Technology Conference- Anaheim, CA](http://www.csun.edu/cod/conference/2019/sessions/index.php/)

**Date:** March 9-13, 2020

* [NASPA Annual Conference- Austin, TX](https://conference.naspa.org/about)

**Date:** March 29-April 1, 2020

* [AccessU- Austin, TX](https://knowbility.org/programs/accessu/)

**Date-** May 13-May 15, 2020

* [M-Enabling Summit- Washington, DC](https://m-enabling.com/agenda.html)

**Date:** June 22 - 24, 2020

**Accessibility Job Opportunities**

* [A11YJOBS](https://www.a11yjobs.com/)
* [Ability Jobs](https://abilityjobs.com/)
* [Higher Ed Jobs](https://www.higheredjobs.com/admin/search.cfm?JobCat=179)
* [Digital A11y Jobs](https://twitter.com/a11yjobs?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor)
* [Texas HireAbility](https://twc.texas.gov/partners/texas-hireability)
* [U.S. Department Of Labor](https://www.dol.gov/)
* [Job Accommodation Network](https://askjan.org/index.cfm)
* [National Industries for the Blind](https://www.paycomonline.net/v4/ats/web.php/jobs?clientkey=C3DE8C56D71D87535EC8E7433280B0AE&jpt=)
* [Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)](https://www.dol.gov/odep/)
* [Manager, Accessibility Services - LCI](https://lcindustries.acquiretm.com/job_details_clean.aspx?id=2657)
* [Web Accessibility Specialist - Trisept Solutions](https://recruiting2.ultipro.com/MAR1015TMTC/JobBoard/242b1d3c-63bb-4db9-9b78-6a0d87c1bcdb/OpportunityDetail?opportunityId=af3f0b4a-a1ae-41e7-bfd9-1c774203e762&sourceId=726cbf13-421f-445a-9bfb-31a5721b6c82)
* [IT Accessibility Professionals - Section 508 WCAG - TestPros](https://www.glassdoor.ca/job-listing/it-accessibility-professionals-section-508-wcag-testpros-JV_IC1130411_KO0,47_KE48,56.htm?jl=3333675896&jas=Y&pao=10776&utm_source=indeed&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=indeed-indeed-slots-up&ctt=1567028879745&laf=1&ccuid=21335028330&srs=PAID_JAN&countryRedirect=true)
* [Senior Web Accessibility Analyst - University of Pennsylvania](https://wd1.myworkdaysite.com/en-US/recruiting/upenn/careers-at-penn/job/3401-Walnut-Street/Sr-Web-Accessibility-Analyst_JR00005949)
* [Student Accessibility Specialist - University of Alaska Fairbanks](http://careers.alaska.edu/cw/en-us/job/513366/student-accessibility-specialiststudent-asst-c)
* [Manager, Information Security & Accessibility - Ohio University](https://www.ohiouniversityjobs.com/postings/32610?utm_source=Indeed&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=Indeed)
* [Instructional Technology Accessibility Specialist - State of Idaho](https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/idaho/jobs/2553284/instructional-technology-accessibility-specialist-eisu-1428)
* [Web Accessibility and Digital Content Editor - Cornell University](https://cornell.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/CornellCareerPage/job/Ithaca-Tompkins-County/Web-Accessibility-and-Digital-Content-Editor_WDR-00020408-1)
* [Accessible Technology Project Manager- California State University, Los Angeles](https://www.higheredjobs.com/search/details.cfm?JobCode=177078856&Title=Accessible%20Technology%20Project%20Manager)
* [Accessibility Counselor - Student Services Professional III - California State University](http://csucareers.calstate.edu/detail.aspx?pid=75890&utm_source=Indeed&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=Indeed)
* [Student Development Coordinator - Student Accessibility Resources - Tarrant County College](https://jobs.tccd.edu/postings/21988)

**Accessibility Announcements & Products**

* [The Tap Strap](http://tapwith.us/josh) (Put "tapwithjosh" as you see it in the notes field to save $10)
* [Sprint Accessibility for All](https://www.sprint.com/content/dam/sprint/us/en/sprint-accessibility/A-FM20-0693-v08-2019-Sprint-Accessiblity-for-All-Brochure-508.pdf) **(PDF)**
* [Android Q is now simply Android 10](https://www.engadget.com/2019/08/22/android-q-becomes-android-10/?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS8&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAAIoCr8nMP8UqAsCv2YdcnmRbC8z34vy9NSojifm5Rg9ciU1P__SrZxaKa0AMNUtLKQwxp-aZrJ-y2enOdt8I07iUbbq06eXj90YK7BwZOAr5O2job2PF861du-benukJG8-Sr2_iC3-sjh99ze59Z4FJn2lAutoM3S6nBoUObOe4)
* [Nominations now open for accessibility award](https://thesarniajournal.ca/nominations-now-open-for-accessibility-award/)
* [Accessibility projects stand out at Webfest 2019](https://www.miragenews.com/accessibility-projects-stand-out-at-webfest-2019/)
* [UW receives federal funding to improve accessibility](https://www.kitchenertoday.com/local-news/uw-receives-federal-funding-to-improve-accessibility-1661451)
* [Yelp adds personalized search results to its iPhone app](https://www.engadget.com/2019/08/27/yelp-personalized-search-results/?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS8&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAANsdd_As44y0b-UnHrm-NB8yQkpGyGEoMeikR6Uc3v_SnO63c1TtWQoO0J58UcAPhTXF8wQ8K-Qrcol1zuInGUq1UuapL8HHGePdVjjuwY7pEGZx3SeExkPGluYIQ9CGftgG2-5SHflFND9T8jdJZbXUbttPzoBLWEkwDde1ziX_)
* [Build A Ramp Foundation tackles handicap accessibility](https://www.moultrieobserver.com/news/local_news/build-a-ramp-foundation-tackles-handicap-accessibility/article_1eb801b8-c53c-11e9-a1ee-5b4f18390318.html)
* [Woolworths expands Quiet Hour following successful trial](https://www.insideretail.com.au/news/woolworths-expands-quiet-hour-following-successful-trial-201908)
* [Registration for Texas AIR is open until September 6, 2019](https://air-rallies.org/compete/info-for-state-agencies/)
* [Wheel The World Launches Accessible Travel Marketplace](http://www.travelweekly.com.au/article/wheel-the-world-launches-accessible-travel-marketplace/)
* [Award-winning Baja home proves accessibility can be beautiful](https://mexiconewsdaily.com/mexicolife/home-proves-accessibility-can-be-beautiful/)
* [KU Hires Ada Specialist To Assist With Workplace Accommodations](http://today.ku.edu/2019/08/28/ku-hires-ada-specialist-assist-workplace-accommodations)
* [The Closing Agent Adopts Cutting-edge Digital Accessibility Technology](https://www.lifepulsehealth.com/pr/the-closing-agent-adopts-cutting-edge-digital-accessibility-technology/223940)
* [Accessibility Advocate Pushing For Changes To Wichita’s Transit System](https://www.kmuw.org/post/accessibility-advocate-pushing-changes-wichita-s-transit-system)
* [Texas A&M begins renovation on Bonfire Memorial to meet ADA standards](http://www.thebatt.com/news/texas-a-m-begins-renovation-on-bonfire-memorial-to-meet/article_91b58c08-c776-11e9-b653-8b2eb0787b91.html)
* [Indiana non-profit raises Alzheimer’s awareness, looking for 1000 ‘Dementia Friends’](https://fox59.com/2019/08/26/indiana-non-profit-raises-alzheimers-awareness-looking-for-1000-dementia-friends/)
* [Disability advocates want to make dental offices more accessible; Nominate your provider now](https://www.koaa.com/news/news5-investigates/disability-advocates-want-to-make-dental-offices-more-accessible-nominate-your-provider-now)
* [The Texas Governor's Committee Calls for 2019 Lex Frieden Employment Award Nominations](https://gov.texas.gov/organization/disabilities/employment_awards)
* [Online Travel Marketplace for People with Disabilities Launches to Empower Adventure for All](http://www.digitaljournal.com/pr/4426703)
* [National Seating & Mobility Named Official ADA Sponsor of Pilgrimage Music & Cultural Festival](https://finance.yahoo.com/news/national-seating-mobility-named-official-160000433.html)
* [BBC to Launch Voice Assistant Next Year in UK as Rise of Independent Voice Assistants Continues](https://voicebot.ai/2019/08/27/bbc-to-launch-voice-assistant-next-year-in-uk-as-rise-of-independent-voice-assistants-continues/)
* [Government of Canada releases report from the Building an Inclusive Canada: National Disability Summit](https://www.benzinga.com/pressreleases/19/08/n14327702/government-of-canada-releases-report-from-the-building-an-inclusive-canada-national-disability-sum)
* [Scottsdale is seeking public input through a short online survey to evaluate access to city programs, services and buildings](https://patch.com/arizona/tucson/scottsdale-examines-accessibility-city-programs-services)
* [Crawford Technologies Introduces AccessibilityNow, a Comprehensive Platform to Leverage AI & Automation for Unique Processing Requirements](https://it.toolbox.com/blogs/shrutiumathe/crawford-technologies-introduces-accessibilitynow-a-comprehensive-platform-to-leverage-ai-automation-for-unique-processing-requirements-082819)

**Accessibility Forums, Tips, & Gaming**

* [Accessibility support for Microsoft To-Do](https://support.office.com/en-us/article/accessibility-support-for-microsoft-to-do-61cc610b-00b2-4cd4-be75-afd1a2d8231f)
* [Google Docs Makes Live Edits More Accessible](https://www.digitalinformationworld.com/2019/08/google-docs-real-time-collab-accessibility.html)
* [New initiative unlocks accessible games industry](https://www.disabilitysupportguide.com.au/talking-disability/new-initiative-unlocks-accessible-games-industry)
* [Canute 360- The world’s first multi-line Braille e-reader](https://www.techno-vision.co.uk/product/canute-360/)
* [How to Run an Empathy & User Journey Mapping Workshop](https://medium.com/@harrybr/how-to-run-an-empathy-user-journey-mapping-workshop-813f3737067)
* [Talkin' Android 10 with the Android Team - All About Android 435](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJn-ia71EPY&feature=youtu.be) **(Video)**
* [Brain-controlled video game aims to improve accessibility for players](https://edmonton.ctvnews.ca/brain-controlled-video-game-aims-to-improve-accessibility-for-players-1.4567521)
* [Choosing the Right WordPress Contact Form Plugin: Basic to Advanced](http://kagay-an.com/choosing-the-right-wordpress-contact-form-plugin-basic-to-advanced/)
* [Apple publishes FAQ page addressing Siri privacy and common concerns](https://9to5mac.com/2019/08/28/siri-privacy-support-document/)
* [9 awesome G Suite features that its designers wish more people knew about](https://www.zdnet.com/article/9-awesome-features-of-g-suite-that-its-designers-wish-more-people-knew-about/)
* [Dynamics 365 Guides gets accessibility improvements and more in latest update](https://www.neowin.net/news/dynamics-365-guides-gets-accessibility-improvements-and-more-in-latest-update)
* [How to turn Closed Captions on and off on your Roku player, either through its menu or with a button press](https://www.businessinsider.com/how-to-turn-off-closed-caption-on-roku)

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| [Everlane](https://www.everlane.com/accessibility) |
| [Saracens](https://www.saracens.com/match-day/disability-access/) |
| [MBS Direct](https://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/vbm/accessibility.php?CSID=A32Q3ABM3AZ2CDUMAMUQACSOB&FVCUSNO=37234) |
| [Nursing Council](https://www.nursingcouncil.org.nz/Public/About/Accessibility/NCNZ/About-section/Accessibility.aspx?hkey=0618de52-e865-427f-8b53-0478a33785f1) |
| [Cal Poly Pomona](https://www.cpp.edu/accessibility.shtml) |
| [Steptoe & Johnson](https://www.steptoe.com/en/accessibility-statement.html) |
| [Government of B.C.](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/home/accessibility) |
| [Oklahoma Christian University](https://www.oc.edu/policies/accessibility) |
| [International Myeloma Foundation](https://www.myeloma.org/imf-accessibility-statement) |
| [Metropolitan Transportation Commission's 511.org](https://511.org/about/accessibility) |

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