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

**1.    Bangor woman with ALS hopes to bring accessibility awareness to others- August 20, 2020 Source:**[**WABI**](https://www.wabi.tv/2020/08/20/bangor-woman-with-als-hopes-to-bring-accessibility-awareness-to-others/)

It was about nine months ago when Tammy Michael’s eyes were opened to the accessibility struggles so many people face. “I’ve been into a business where it was a standard stall with a bar and I had to use the restroom with the door open and someone had to help me. And, that’s hard. There’s no privacy and all I did was get stuck.” That’s when she began using a wheelchair due to the loss of her legs from ALS and found going to a lot places she loved just weren’t an option anymore…

**2.    Webinar designed to help voters with disabilities know their rights, make a plan- August 21, 2020 Source:**[**The Columbus Dispatch**](https://www.dispatch.com/news/20200821/webinar-designed-to-help-voters-with-disabilities-know-their-rights-make-plan)

Susan Koller intends to heed the advice of voter advocates and make a plan for how she’ll cast her ballot this year because the potential for snags is always significant for people like her with disabilities. The COVID-19 pandemic could make voting even more challenging, she said. “I’m not 100% sure how it will work for me,” said Koller, 38, who has cerebral palsy and lives in a long-term care facility in the Cincinnati area. “What usually happens is I vote absentee.” Koller needs assistance and relies on family to make sure her ballot is properly completed…

**3.    Autonomous Vehicles Should Benefit People with Disabilities, But Progress Remains Slow- August 21, 2020 Source:**[**Venture Beat**](https://venturebeat.com/2020/08/21/autonomous-vehicles-disabilities-accessibility-inclusive-design/)

An MIT report estimates truly autonomous vehicles might not hit the streets for a decade. And when they do, it’s difficult to say whether they will fully accommodate all riders, including those with disabilities. Driverless car technology promises to remove barriers to personal transportation, but few self-driving operators have made headway on solutions for customers with mobility, vision, and hearing impairments, including seniors and those with chronic health conditions…

**4.    Parents look back on struggle for accessibility- August 21, 2020 Source:**[**New Jersey Herald**](https://www.njherald.com/news/20200821/parents-look-back-on-struggle-for-accessibility)

Four years before the Americans with Disabilities Act became law in 1990, Anne and Art Horsham became members of the Mayor’s Council on Disability. They brought their daughter Katie, who was then 2 years old, to meetings as they helped shape the world she would navigate with the mobility limitations of spina bifida. The group created Handicap Awareness Day, when Port Jervis officials would spend the day in a wheelchair, on crutches or blindfolded to acquaint themselves with that experience of the city…

**5.    As restaurants take over sidewalks to provide pandemic-safe dining, people with disabilities encounter barriers- August 21, 2020 Source:**[**The Washington Post**](https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/coronavirus-sidewalk-seating-disabilities-barriers/2020/08/21/02ede6b8-e24c-11ea-8181-606e603bb1c4_story.html?arc404=true)

When New York began allowing outdoor activities in June, Emily Ladau, 29, ventured out in her Long Island town of West Babylon after long months of staying inside because of COVID-19. But her moment in the sun was marred — as a wheelchair user, she found that restaurants spilling over onto the sidewalk blocked her path. “Throughout the whole main street,” of nearby Bay Shore, she says, “I couldn’t be on the sidewalk at all.” Many restaurants have added sidewalk seating during the pandemic to take advantage of the open air when indoor dining is considered risky…

**6.    Website accessibility response plan protects CUs- August 21, 2020 Source:**[**Credit Union National Association**](https://news.cuna.org/articles/118303-website-accessibility-response-plan-protects-cus)

**a.    Why ADA Compliance Is Important at Your Credit Union- August 24, 2020 Source:**[**Credit Union Times**](https://www.cutimes.com/2020/08/24/why-ada-compliance-is-important-at-your-credit-union/?slreturn=20200725113458)

Even when a credit union is in the middle of conducting a website audit to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, there is still the chance an unhappy member or website user could send a demand letter. While ADA website accessibility suits against credit unions have slowed significantly, credit unions should have a plan in place to make the response and redress process as smooth as possible, and to mitigate any damage to the credit union’s image…

**7.    Why do people stutter? Stuttering causes, how to stop and more- August 21, 2020 Source:**[**Yahoo**](https://news.yahoo.com/why-people-stutter-stuttering-causes-144552865.html)

**1.    13-Year-Old Who Bonded With Biden Over Stutter Inspires With His Courage- August 21, 2020 Source:**[**Romper**](https://www.romper.com/p/13-year-old-who-bonded-with-biden-over-stutter-inspires-with-his-courage-32042362)

**2.    Stuttering 101: A biological condition no one should make fun of- August 21, 2020 Source:**[**CNN**](https://www.cnn.com/2020/08/21/health/stuttering-explained-biden-wellness/index.html)

Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden has been outspoken about his stutter and last night at the Democratic National Convention, a young boy with a stutter shared a story about how Biden had boosted his confidence. Brayden Harrington, 13, explained in a video that he met Biden in New Hampshire earlier this year. "He told me that we were members of the same club," he said. "We stutter. It was really amazing to hear that someone like me became vice president."…

**8.    The Subtle Terror Of Slowly Going Blind- August 22, 2020 Source:**[**My Verona NJ**](https://www.myveronanj.com/2020/08/22/the-subtle-terror-of-slowly-going-blind/)

**a.    A healthy lifestyle for cardiovascular health may reduce odds of developing ocular diseases- August 20, 2020 Source:**[**News Medical Life Sciences**](https://www.news-medical.net/news/20200820/A-healthy-lifestyle-for-cardiovascular-health-may-reduce-odds-of-developing-ocular-diseases.aspx)

I have a condition called Retinitis Pigmentosa, commonly referred to as RP. It is a degenerative retina disease that leaves the lucky winners of this particular genetic lottery permanently and totally blind. RP is a rare(ish) genetic disorder where the light sensitive cells of the retina are destroyed or simply cease to function causing night blindness, then peripheral vision loss, and finally blindness. As with any disease that leaves its victim blind, it is a horrible thing to contend with…

**9.    Autonomous vehicles should benefit those with disabilities, but progress remains slow- August 23, 2020 Source:**[**Best Gaming Pro**](https://bestgamingpro.com/autonomous-vehicles-should-benefit-those-with-disabilities-but-progress-remains-slow/)

An MIT report estimates really autonomous automobiles may not hit the streets for a decade. And after they do, it’s troublesome to say whether or not they’ll absolutely accommodate all riders, together with these with disabilities. Driverless automotive know-how guarantees to take away obstacles to private transportation, however few self-driving operators have made headway on options for patrons with mobility, imaginative and prescient, and listening to impairments, together with seniors and people with persistent well being circumstances…

**10. Meeting The Needs Of New York’s Blind, Deaf And Physically Challenged Students Requires An Intense Focus On The Individual Academic Needs Of Each Student- August 23, 2020 Source:**[**Empire Report**](https://empirereportnewyork.com/meeting-the-needs-of-new-yorks-blind-deaf-and-physically-challenged-students-requires-an-intense-focus-on-the-individual-academic-needs-of-each-student/)

As the classrooms of more than 700 school districts across New York State migrated to online learning this spring – 10 specialized schools from Erie to Suffolk County were also asked to adapt and teach their 1,500 children who are blind, deaf or have severe physical challenges. State law provides public funding of these schools under a special section of its Education Law – Section 4201 and are often collectively referred to as – the 4201 Schools. The issues these specialized, state-funded schools have confronted in recent months are similar to their mainstream colleagues – such as…

**11. Disability, Work and Coronavirus: What Happens Now? – August 24, 2020 Source:**[**The New York Times**](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/24/style/disability-accessibility-coronavirus.html)**&**[**Chicago Tribune**](https://www.chicagotribune.com/coronavirus/sns-nyt-disability-accessibility-coronavirus-20200825-47ilixblafb3pgaidpmmwjfty4-story.html)

This April, Maria Sotnikova attended her first Seder: a virtual dinner held over the videoconferencing app Webex. Though she has many Jewish friends, she had never been asked to share in the Passover ritual before. Ms. Sotnikova, a 33-year-old data scientist in Atlanta, uses a power wheelchair. For years, people have admitted to excluding her from parties, picnics and other gatherings that they assumed, often incorrectly and always patronizingly, she wouldn’t be able to attend…

**12. Meet Sebnem, A Public Policy Specialist and Mobility Enthusiast from San Francisco- August 24, 2020 Source:**[**Urban Transport News**](https://www.urbantransportnews.com/news/meet-sebnem-a-public-policy-specialist-and-mobility-enthusiast-from-san-francisco)

Sebnem Tugce Pala is a renowned Public Policy Professional and Entrepreneur for her work in sustainable transportation/mobility and for her significant contributions to the field through her articles and her policy initiatives and the conferences she has attended until now. In a recent conversation with Urban Transport News, she talked about the various challenges and solutions pertaining to the mobility industry. Here are excerpts: My professional journey in the transportation industry started with my work experience at Iris Automation…

**13. COVID-19 Poses New Challenges for Disabled College Students- August 24, 2020 Source:**[**Study Breaks**](https://studybreaks.com/college/covid-19-disabled-college-students/)

Disabled college students have both benefitted and struggled because of the rise of virtual life in the time of COVID-19, depending on their access needs. Now, it is more important than ever to be a disability activist. Disabled college students have the same desires as their non-disabled peers; they want to study, work, have fun and find friends. Their disabilities mean they have to fulfill those needs in different ways. COVID-19 brings unique risks to college students with disabilities, both because of medical bias and the fact that some disabilities could put them at greater risk for COVID-19 complications…

**14. Microsoft chief: How to treat employees with disabilities- August 24, 2020 Source:**[**Human Resources Director**](https://www.hcamag.com/us/news/general/microsoft-chief-how-to-treat-employees-with-disabilities/231684)

Are you treating your employees with disabilities well? From experience, Jenny Lay-Flurrie, chief accessibility officer at Microsoft can attest to how “nervous” everyone gets around people with disabilities. At a recent Inclusive Business Forum organised by SG Enable, Lay-Flurrie shared her experience of being hearing impaired in a company that’s on a constant journey towards inclusivity. She also gave tips on how leaders and staff can take simple steps to treat their coworkers better…

**15. Will special-needs students fall through the cracks as school resumes?- August 24, 2020 Source:**[**Daily Herald**](https://www.dailyherald.com/news/20200824/will-special-needs-students-fall-through-the-cracks-as-school-resumes)

As schools begin to navigate a return to remote -- and in some cases hybrid or in-person -- learning, some parents of special-needs students fear their children might fall through the cracks as they struggle to adjust to a new normal. Last spring's remote learning experiment during the statewide COVID-19 lockdown was challenging at best for families of students with autism, learning disabilities, physical or developmental impairments and other diagnoses. With most suburban districts starting the academic year with remote instruction, many schools do not yet have a plan for serving these children…

**16. Amazon’s JoAnna Hunt Talks Her Passion For Accessibility And How Kindle Makes Reading Accessible To Everyone- August 25, 2020 Source:**[**Forbes**](https://www.forbes.com/sites/stevenaquino/2020/08/25/amazons-joanna-hunt-talks-her-passion-for-accessibility-and-how-kindle-makes-reading-accessible-to-everyone/#1f27ce3dfbef)

When most people think of e-readers, they likely think of Amazon’s Kindle line. There certainly are competitors, but Kindle to the e-reader market holds the same cachet in terms of brand awareness as Kleenex does for facial tissues and Band-Aid does for bandaids. And not only is the Kindle a family of bespoke devices, it’s also an app that runs on third-party platforms such as iOS and Android. The synonymy is well deserved for the most part. As products, Kindles are pretty great: their e-ink screen technology is good, battery life is seemingly infinite, and Amazon’s trove of available titles is unparalleled…

**17. Making Michigan's outdoors accessible to all- August 25, 2020 Source:**[**Second Wave**](https://www.secondwavemedia.com/features/acessibility-mnrtf-series-12.aspx)

The lakes, dunes, and forests of Michigan’s northwest lower peninsula offer a number of different opportunities for outdoor recreation, but these spaces are often inaccessible for people with disabilities or mobility issues. “In our region, there was absolutely nothing four years ago,” David Foote, director of stewardship for the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC) says of accessible trails or other infrastructure for people with disabilities. “Now we’re looking at maybe 10 throughout the region,” he says…

**18. Sign Language Interpreter Gets Arrested While Making Portland Protests More Accessible- August 25, 2020 Source:**[**The Portland Mercury**](https://www.portlandmercury.com/blogtown/2020/08/25/28767637/sign-language-interpreter-gets-arrested-while-making-portland-protests-more-accessible)

Since the ongoing Portland protests against police brutality began on May 29, Andrew Tolman has been a regular attendee. But Tolman isn’t just there as a protester—they also work to make the demonstrations accessible for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (HOH) people who are participating in or observing the protests. Sometimes, that means interpreting police orders from English to American Sign Language (ASL) and guiding people who are physically present at the protests…

**19. 61 Million: On Disability Justice- August 25, 2020 Source:**[**The Politic**](https://thepolitic.org/61-million-on-disability-justice/)

Eugenic methods, institutionalization, electroshock therapy: less than 100 years ago, all of these horrific practices were weaponized against people with disabilities in the United States. Over one-fourth of all Americans—61 million—have a disability. Even further, with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this number is likely to increase. Those that suffer from the disease are likely to face long-lasting effects that include high rates of blood clotting, heart damage, lung damage, and impairments of the central nervous system, all of which can be considered physical disabilities…

**20. The Actors With Disabilities Redefining Representation- August 25, 2020 Source:**[**The New York Times**](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/25/t-magazine/actors-disability-theater-film-tv.html?smid=tw-share)

Ryan O’Connell would like you to know that he is tired and pissed off and horny. He is tired of waiting for what he calls “our ‘Transparent’ moment” (some of his fellow actors call it, instead, “our ‘Pose’ moment”), by which he means a single piece of breakthrough pop culture that makes people aware of a heretofore ignored and stereotyped minority, a prizewinning, noisemaking event that kicks open the door to mainstream omnipresence and ultimately to normalization. He is pissed off that it hasn’t happened yet. “I think about this a lot,” he says…

**21. Accessible design has evolved to become user-friendly, safe — and beautiful- August 26, 2020 Source:**[**The Philadelphia Inquirer**](https://www.inquirer.com/real-estate/housing/wheelchair-accessible-home-design-ada-americans-with-disabilities-act-20200826.html)

For Julia Dorsett, looking at properties for sale is a fun hobby. When she saw an 18th-century stone farmhouse listed in Chester County, she instantly fell in love with the 3½-acre wooded property. The home, situated on a hill, has large picturesque windows with stunning views of a big rolling lawn. Though she initially couldn’t imagine a three-story farmhouse giving her the accessibility needed to accommodate her wheelchair, she brought in an architect with the hope she could install an elevator…

**22. Accessibility to voting for Idahoans with disabilities should be increased- August 26, 2020 Source:**[**Post Register**](https://www.postregister.com/opinion/guest_column/accessibility-to-voting-for-idahoans-with-disabilities-should-be-increased/article_bd1cbbcc-5286-5d64-8a60-2f4230cbb965.html)

On Aug. 24, legislators from across the state gathered in Boise for a special legislative session to discuss the November election. On the agenda are proposed amendments to Idaho’s election laws, which include allowing counties to create voting centers to facilitate in-person voting on Election Day. While Disability Rights Idaho appreciates the state’s forethought in planning for the November election, we want to ensure the Legislature considers an absolutely vital component to this process: accessibility…

**23. Growing older at home is possible with the right kind of remodeling- August 27, 2020 Source:**[**The Washington Post**](https://www.washingtonpost.com/realestate/growing-older-at-home-is-possible-with-the-right-kind-of-remodeling/2020/08/25/bffb8aae-dd73-11ea-809e-b8be57ba616e_story.html)

In 2010, Vanessa Piala and her husband Jim Belikove modified their home near Chevy Chase, Md., by digging out the basement and adding an in-law suite in anticipation of moving her parents there from New Jersey. But after her mother had a stroke, Piala stayed with her parents in New Jersey for 18 months before moving them both to an assisted-living facility in Maryland. “My mother was in a wheelchair before she passed away in 2016 and my father was in a wheelchair part-time until he died at 97 years old in 2018,” says Piala…

**24. Why a ‘vast majority’ of Americans are not getting the most out of Social Security- August 26, 2020 Source:**[**Yahoo**](https://money.yahoo.com/why-a-vast-majority-of-americans-are-not-getting-the-most-out-of-social-security-205334922.html?guccounter=1)**&**[**PDF**](https://bipartisanpolicy.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/BPC-Economy-Brief-SS-Claiming.pdf)

Americans moving into retirement can opt to start getting their Social Security checks anytime between the ages 62 and 70. But it’s a tradeoff. Claim early and you get extra years, but smaller checks for the rest of your life. Wait a few years and you’ll get more each month, but with fewer years to receive them. It’s not a small difference — the benefit received at age 70 can be over 75% higher than at 62 — most people aren’t getting this crucial decision right, according to a new report from the Bipartisan Policy Center…

**25. Has the Great WFH Experiment Delivered for Workers with Disabilities?- August 27, 2020 Source:**[**Morning Brew**](https://www.morningbrew.com/daily/stories/2020/08/27/great-wfh-experiment-delivered-workers-disabilities)

For many workers with mental or physical disabilities, being "last hired, first fired" is an all-too-familiar story—and that was before the COVID-19 pandemic ushered in the worst unemployment crisis in decades. But the pandemic also presented a unique opportunity: a tectonic shift to remote work. Have those opportunities been realized for people with disabilities or chronic illnesses? In 2019, even with record-low unemployment (3.5%!) that had companies scrambling for talent, disabled workers weren't making meaningful gains…

**26. These volunteers are making Black Lives Matter videos accessible to deaf activists- August 27, 2020 Source:**[**Daily Dot**](https://www.dailydot.com/irl/protest-access/)

Charlotte Hyde, 22, needed to watch this video on Twitter, at least according to others who were tweeting about it. It wasn’t that Hyde didn’t want to; it was that she couldn’t. As protests sparked by the police killing of George Floyd ensued across the nation in recent months, videos of protesters’ interactions with each other and with police flooded Twitter. Few had captions, making them inaccessible to deaf people like Hyde. For the Deaf community, partaking in larger conversations on social media is reliant on accessible content…

Jack Fact **—** *Almost 60% of respondents to the 2017 National Household Transportation Survey that reported a travel-limiting disability indicated they used one or more devices to aid their mobility, such as walking canes (36.7%), walkers (22.9%), wheelchairs (11.6%) and motorized scooters (4.4%), to name a few.*

Hit The Road Jack**—**[**Gibraltar Beach Accessibility Continues During Social Distancing**](http://vox.gi/cms/local/12532-gibraltar-beach-accessibility-continues-during-social-distancing.html)

**International News**

**1.    It Is Time For All Religious Places In India To Be Disabled-Friendly And Encourage Inclusivity- August 21, 2020 Source:**[**Youth Ki Awaaz- India**](https://www.youthkiawaaz.com/2020/08/a-barrier-free-religious-place-helps-not-only-devotees-with-disabilities-but-all/)

When I was a child, I used to frequent my neighborhood temple with my grandfather. Every time I’d see disabled people seeking alms outside that temple, I’d ask my grandfather why they do not pray like us, and he would always answer, “It is difficult for them to go inside the temple due to their disabilities and pray. And they beg because they have no job.”   Despite the problems than people with disabilities face, no one would talk about barriers to accessibility in our environment, including steep stairs, uneven surfaces, lack of ramps, narrow aisles, and lack of parking space for wheelchairs…

**2.    Woman says deaf community are 'left out' by compulsory face mask rule- August 21, 2020 Source:**[**Lincolnshire Live- UK**](https://www.lincolnshirelive.co.uk/news/local-news/retford-deaf-coronavirus-face-masks-4438942)

A profoundly deaf woman is hoping to make a small change to her local community by teaching sign language - after she says the compulsory face mask rule has been 'frustrating' for the deaf community. Ruthy Fletcher moved to Retford from Bolton in Lanchashire just 12 months ago and has taught deaf awareness and basic sign language training for over ten years. The 57-year old relies on lipreading and sign language to communicate and says compulsory mask wearing during the pandemic has left many within the deaf community feeling isolated…

**3.    Researchers examine outdoor accessibility- August 22, 2020 Source:**[**Prince George Citizen- Canada**](https://www.princegeorgecitizen.com/news/local-news/researchers-examine-outdoor-accessibility-1.24190704)

UNBC professors, with support from a $24,000 federal grant, are researching how to make outdoor destinations more accessible for people with mobility challenges. Spinal Cord Injury BC’s Access BC team, which includes Nancy Harris, is working with faculty members Mark Groulx, Shannon Freeman and Pamela Wright in their research to see more barrier-free destinations created in the province. “We live in a province, and a country, that has some of the most magnificent natural environments,” Groulx, an associate professor in UNBC’s school of environmental planning, said…

**4.    Chennai Metro stations not disabled-friendly, High Court bench issues notice- August 22, 2020 Source:**[**NewzHook- India**](https://newzhook.com/story/chennai-metro-cmrl-accessibility-disability-rights-alliance-stations-fails-accessibility-test-high-court-bench-issues-notices/)

The Madras High Court has issued a notice to the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Tamil Nadu) and Chennai Metro Rail Limited after a PIL filed by disability rights activist Vaishnavi Jayakumar’s highlighted that metro stations in the city have failed to meet the guidelines under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016. Lack of adequate signage, inaccessible automatic ticketing systems and toilets – Chennai metro stations are far from disabled-friendly…

**5.    #SheLeads: 'Take First Step, Many Will Join' Says Face Of Wheelchair Basketball In India- August 22, 2020 Source:**[**The Logical Indian- India**](https://thelogicalindian.com/my-story/my-story-take-first-step-many-will-join-says-face-of-wheelchair-basketball-in-india-23219)

If you look at my resume, you'll find that I'm an Associate Vice President with a multinational corporation (MNC) Bank group, a former national Paralympic Swimming Champion, the founder General Secretary of the Paralympic Swimming Association of Tamil Nadu and founder President of the Wheelchair Basketball Federation of India. But behind this impressive resume, is my story – a story of an ordinary woman who decided that I would not be defined or limited by society, by what was inaccessible to me, or even by my own disability…

**6.    “The word” deaf and dumb “looks inappropriate to me”- August 22, 2020 Source:**[**Pledge Times- Russia**](https://pledgetimes.com/the-word-deaf-and-dumb-looks-inappropriate-to-me/)

They live next to us, but often we do not notice them – although they do not hear, due to the characteristics of their body, it is they. But hearing impaired and deaf people nevertheless actively participate in society. For example, Polina Sineva is a deaf teacher, screenwriter, playwright. The short film “Intercom” according to her script was shown in Cannes, and the play based on the play “An Alien Voice” was successfully staged at the “Stanislavsky Electrotheatre”. Polina told Izvestia about how a creative person who is deaf now lives in Russia…

**7.    'Need creative solutions to tackle attitudes towards disabled people', Harish Kotian, BGFI co-founder- August 23, 2020 Source:**[**NewzHook- India**](https://newzhook.com/story/harish-kotian-visually-impaired-computer-programmer-reserve-bank-of-india-rbi-bgfi-blind-graduates-forum-of-india-blind-low-vision/)

Patience and tenacity helped Harish Kotian carve a way forward at a time when awareness about disability and disabled people was visually nonexistent in India. This month on the eve of his retirement from the Reserve Bank of India Kotian, who is also one of the founder members of the Blind Graduates Forum of India, talks about his learnings from the battles he fought every step of the way. A firecracker accident at the age of 14 left Harish Kotian totally blind. That put an end to his dreams of joining the Indian Air Force and fighting for the motherland…

**8.    Covid Reminds Us That Web Accessibility Helps All Users, Not Just The Disabled- August 23, 2020 Source:**[**Forbes- UK**](https://www.forbes.com/sites/gusalexiou/2020/08/23/covid-reminds-us-that-web-accessibility-helps-all-users-not-just-the-disabled/#7935f7726df1)

Back in the early days of the internet, when having a computer at home usually meant a single room with a bulky desktop tower, web accessibility was barely a thought for those in the IT industry, let alone an afterthought. As the early 2000s wore on, third party software manufacturers began to develop bespoke desktop access solutions, often at a hefty mark-up. The “Mobile First” digital landscape, which was to emerge a decade or so later, changed the game forever. Suddenly, using their smartphones out and about, “ordinary” able-bodied folks found themselves plunged into situations that temporarily mirrored those routinely experienced by disabled people…

**9.    IPC President Parsons "positive but realistic" about Tokyo Paralympics staging next year- August 23, 2020 Source:**[**Inside the Games- Japan**](https://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1097602/ipc-president-parsons-tokyo-paralympics)

When Andrew Parsons, the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) President, looked ahead to the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics a year ago there was only one item on his list of "issues" – the lack of accessible hotel rooms for disabled people. He was "super-confident" that the Japanese capital would deliver "an incredible Games". But then issue number two came along – and it involved rather a lot more than accessible hotel rooms… As this 43-year-old Brazilian takes stock once again coming up to a year to go to the re-arranged Paralympics, the reason for their postponement – the coronavirus pandemic – has edged above accommodation on the list of concerns…

**10. The NGV has made a selection of works accessible for those who have low vision- August 24, 2020 Source:**[**Time Out Melbourne- Australia**](https://www.timeout.com/melbourne/news/the-ngv-has-made-a-selection-of-works-accessible-for-those-who-have-low-vision-082420)

The visual arts have long faced issues of accessibility when it comes to including those who are blind or have low vision. Yes, they're called the "visual arts" – but it is entirely possible to make paintings, drawings, sculptures and textile works accessible to those who are blind.  One way to do this is through detailed audio descriptions – which the NGV has added to six of its key artworks. The audio descriptions were produced in partnership with Description Victoria and are now available online for some of the NGV's best-known works such as John Brack's 'Collins St, 5PM', Katsushika Hokusai's 'The Great Wave Off Kanagawa' and…

**11. The National Lottery supports Deaf Hub ( Wales ) & Pride Cymru Improving Accessibility For All- August 24, 2020 Source:**[**News from Wales**](https://newsfromwales.co.uk/news/the-national-lottery-supports-deaf-hub-wales-pride-cymru-improving-accessibility-for-all/)

Building on the success of Pride Cymru 2019 ,two welsh charities are coming together again this August to bring an additional element to Wales’ largest celebration of Equality & Diversity. Whilst COVID 19 has impacted many outdoor events this year , Deaf Hub ( Wales ) previous known as Cardiff Deaf Centre and Pride Cymru are again working in partnership to ensure that the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community – are not excluded from this years online event. Pride Cymru’s Online Big Week is being hosted from Monday 24th August to 30th August…

**12. Navigating the pandemic more difficult for deaf people- August 24, 2020 Source:**[**Saskatoon Star Phoenix- Canada**](https://thestarphoenix.com/news/local-news/navigating-the-pandemic-more-difficult-for-deaf-people)

Gale Estell says it was already a struggle to navigate the world as a deaf woman. Now, during a pandemic, it’s become that much more difficult. Estell relies on reading the lips of people who cannot communicate through sign language. With masks covering the mouth, it’s been tough to communicate with people while in public. Even going to the grocery store is a source of anxiety. “Without the lips, I can’t understand anything that goes on around me,” Estell said…

**13. It Took A Pandemic To Prove What Students With Disabilities Wanted For Years Is Possible- August 24, 2020 Source:**[**HuffPost- Canada**](https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/covid-student-disability_ca_5f3ad4cfc5b670ab17ae9538)

When universities moved online in March in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, it marked the advancement of something students with disabilities have been requesting for years: more accommodations and support. Third-year York University computer science student Arnab Hossain has Crohn’s disease, an inflammatory bowel disease that can cause severe abdominal pain. He said once or twice a week he usually arrives to class late or has to leave in the middle of a lecture because of the pain. When his winter courses moved online, he was able to watch lectures from his bed, where he was more comfortable…

**14. BWW Interview: Jonathan Suffolk Talks Smart Caption Glasses and Accessibility- August 25, 2020 Source:**[**Broadway World- UK**](https://www.broadwayworld.com/westend/article/BWW-Interview-Jonathan-Suffolk-Talks-Smart-Caption-Glasses-and-Accessibility-20200825)

After training at Bristol Old Vic Theatre School in Stage Management and Technical Theatre, Jonathan Suffolk went on to work at a number of different theatres, before becoming the Technical Director at the National Theatre, and eventually moving on to focus on his work with the National Theatre Smart Caption Glasses. The glasses provide a revolutionary closed-captioning service for audience members with hearing loss, as the dialogue in performances is displayed on the lenses of the glasses…

**15. Science educators launch online classes for visually impaired students of Varanasi blind school- August 25, 2020 Source:**[**NewzHook- India**](https://newzhook.com/story/coronavirus-pandemic-lockdown-benaras-hindu-university-vividha-foundation-raka-ray-mandal-varanasi-school-blind-visually-impaired-students-stem-education-accessibility/)

This heart-warming initiative launched by Raka Ray Mandal and her husband Prof B.P. Mandal is our #StoryOfTheWeek. The couple, who are science educators in Varanasi, have started online classes for visually impaired students of a local residential boys’ school after many sections were closed due to the pandemic. It would be no exaggeration to call Raka Ray Mandal and husband Prof. B.P Mandal are true humanitarians. Mrs Mandal is a science teacher and her husband Prof. Mandal a faculty member in the Physics Department at Benaras Hindu University (BHU)…

**16. Wheelchair-user's interview 'cancelled as office is not accessible'- August 26, 2020 Source:**[**Evening Standard- UK**](https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/wheelchair-user-interview-cancelled-office-not-accessible-a4532986.html)

A trainee barrister claims she had her job interview cancelled after the law firm found out she used a wheelchair and claimed the building was not accessible. Holly Girven, 23, from North Lincolnshire, applied for a litigation paralegal job in Sheffield on a recruitment website, which provides legal services for BT. She was contacted by the agency Paralaw, who said BT was keen to interview her. However, when Ms Girven mentioned she was a wheelchair user and enquired about access, she said she was told the office wasn't accessible as it was an old telephone exchange…

**17. Swinburne University's Accessibility Careers Hub is first of its kind- August 26, 2020 Source:**[**Mirage News- Australia**](https://www.miragenews.com/swinburne-university-s-accessibility-careers-hub-is-first-of-its-kind/)

Swinburne University’s Accessibility Careers Hub is the first of its kind in Australia.The Hub is a collaboration between the University’s Careers Services and Accessibility Services to provide targeted employment opportunities for students with disability. Career practitioner, David Eckstein from Swinburne University, says the University wants to change the employment landscape for people with disability and that the Australian Network on Disability (AND) is pivotal in making that happen…

**COVID-19 Resources and Information**

* [California Courts Covid Update](https://www.courthousenews.com/california-courts-covid-update-70/)
* [Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center](https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/)
* [Accessible COVID-19 statistics tracker- CVStats](https://cvstats.net/)
* [COVID-19 Complaint Tracker- Hunton Andrews Kurth](https://www.huntonak.com/en/covid-19-tracker.html)
* [The “New Normal” and ADA Compliance- Braille Works](https://brailleworks.com/new-normal-and-ada-compliance/)
* [Thinking of Skipping Vacation? Don’t!- Harvard Business Review](https://hbr.org/2020/08/thinking-of-skipping-vacation-dont)
* [Accessible Virtual Meetings- Queen's University Accessibility Hub](https://www.queensu.ca/accessibility/how-info/accessible-virtual-meetings)
* [Stanford Teaching Commons offers new resources for online learning](https://news.stanford.edu/2020/08/21/stanford-teaching-commons-offers-new-resources-online-learning/)
* [Has covid-19 made life insurance less accessible?- International Adviser](https://international-adviser.com/has-covid-19-made-life-insurance-less-accessible/)
* [Accessibility concerns mounting for UI students with disabilities- WCIA](https://www.wcia.com/local/accessibility-concerns-mounting-for-ui-students-with-disabilities/)
* [Technology Is a Human Right- So let’s make sure everyone can use it- The Humanist](https://thehumanist.com/commentary/technology-is-a-human-right)
* [With accessible dorm Beckwith closed, former residents call for accountability- Daily Illini](https://dailyillini.com/news/2020/08/27/with-accessible-dorm-beckwith-closed-former-residents-call-for-accountability/)
* [Covid in the Classroom? Shhh. Some Schools Are Keeping It Quiet - The New York Times](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/22/us/school-reopenings-coronavirus-reporting.html)
* [COVID-19 has shown that accessibility and productivity aren't mutually exclusive- HR Dive](https://www.hrdive.com/news/covid-19-has-shown-that-accessibility-and-productivity-arent-mutually-excl/583820/)
* [People with disabilities, buildings and COVID-19 – plan to ensure accessibility for all- Guidon](https://www.myguidon.com/people-with-disabilities-buildings-and-covid-19-plan-to-ensure-accessibility-for-all/)
* [Texas COVID Stories: Summer Survey- How have you or your family been impacted by COVID-19?](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TxCOVIDStory)
* [Toward a barrier free Dalhousie University: Accessibility goals take shape as province sets standards- Dal News](https://www.dal.ca/news/2020/08/25/toward-a-barrier-free-dalhousie--accessibility-goals-take-shape-.html)
* [People with Disabilities and Telehealth: 4 Tips to Increase Accessibility- American Association of Diabetes Educators](https://www.diabeteseducator.org/news/perspectives/aade-blog-details/adces-perspectives-on-diabetes-care/2020/08/24/people-with-disabilities-and-telehealth-4-tips-to-increase-accessibility)

**Accessibility Blogs & Information**

* [Accessibility Assessment – Open at the Margins](https://press.rebus.community/openatthemargins/back-matter/accessibility-assessment/)
* [Accessibility Resources- St. Edward's University](https://www.stedwards.edu/brand/website-toolkit/accessibility/resources)
* [Well-Being in the Workplace Guide- Hiring Our Heroes](https://www.hiringourheroes.org/wellbeing/wellbeing-guidebook/)
* [The disabled are more than tech able- Jamaica Observer](http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/digital-life/The_disabled_are_more_than_tech_able)
* [First Steps To An Accessible Website (Part 1)- Jeff Singleton](https://convergeaccessibility.com/2020/08/25/first-steps-to-an-accessible-website-part-1/)
* [Furthering The Promise: The ADA Mediation Program- DOJ](https://www.justice.gov/opa/blog/furthering-promise-ada-mediation-program)
* [Age-Related Vision Problems & Your Customers- Braille Works](https://brailleworks.com/age-related-vision-problems-your-customers/)
* [Patentability of accessibility inventions at the EPO- D Young & Co.](https://www.dyoung.com/en/knowledgebank/articles/epo-patent-accessibility)
* [Why Your Business Website Must Be ADA Compliant- KHTS Radio](https://www.hometownstation.com/news-articles/why-your-business-website-must-be-ada-compliant-341701)
* [40 cities in 25 countries – Europe on wheels- Accessible Travel News](https://accessibletravel.online/40-countries-on-wheels/)
* [Risks of Noncompliance Digital Accessibility- Texas State University](https://doit.txstate.edu/accessibility/risks.html)
* [Letter: Oregon still behind on ADA accessibility- La Grande Observer](https://www.lagrandeobserver.com/opinion/letters/letter-oregon-still-behind-on-ada-accessibility/article_e8d3340c-e1d5-11ea-acb1-c7a9ece86fd1.html)
* [What issues hinder addressing accessibility improvements?- AbilityNet](https://abilitynet.org.uk/news-blogs/what-issues-hinder-addressing-accessibility-improvements)
* [What are the digital accessibility gaps in further education?- AbilityNet](https://abilitynet.org.uk/news-blogs/what-are-digital-accessibility-gaps-further-education)
* [Wrong to claim disability for not wearing mask- The Providence Journal](https://www.providencejournal.com/opinion/20200820/opinionbourbonniere-wrong-to-claim-disability-for-not-wearing-mask)
* [The CCPA Regulations Are Effective NOW. What’s Next?- Quarles & Brady](https://www.quarles.com/publications/the-ccpa-regulations-are-effective-now-whats-next/)
* [Joe Devon, GAAD co-founder, is the 2020 AIR Program Chair- Jessica Looney](https://knowbility.org/blog/2020/joe-devon-air/)
* [An Interview with Darren Bates, Founder of the Smart Cities Library- Darren Bates](https://medium.com/@darrenbatesllc/an-interview-with-darren-bates-founder-of-the-smart-cities-library-89c491f24be6)
* [Opinion: Schools bond would boost access for students with disabilities- Oregon Live](https://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/2020/08/opinion-schools-bond-would-boost-access-for-students-with-disabilities.html)
* [Assistive technology more vital than ever in an online world- Rocky Mountain Collegian](https://collegian.com/2020/08/category-news-assistive-technology-more-vital-than-ever-in-an-online-world/)
* [Advocates: Accessibility commission may be valuable resource- Williamsport Sun-Gazette](https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2020/08/advocates-accessibility-commission-may-be-valuable-resource/)
* [NSCAD invites the community to help create new accessibility advisory committee- NSCAD](https://nscad.ca/accessibility-committee/)
* [Integrating A Sustainable Accessibility Program: A Digital Transformation Imperative- Forbes](https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbestechcouncil/2020/08/24/integrating-a-sustainable-accessibility-program-a-digital-transformation-imperative/#3af224c416d0)
* [W3C Workshop on Web and Machine Learning- Cognitive Accessibility and Machine Learning](https://www.w3.org/2020/06/machine-learning-workshop/talks/cognitive_accessibility_and_machine_learning.html)

**Accessibility Training & Meetings**

* [PDF Accessibility Fundamentals (On Demand)](https://www.microassist.com/courses/pdf-accessibility-fundamentals-on-demand/)
* [Disability:IN Affiliate Events Calendar](https://disabilityin.org/who-we-are/affiliates/affiliate-event-calendar/)
* [Digital Accessibility Foundations- Harvard University](https://accessibility.huit.harvard.edu/calendar/upcoming/das-events/digital-accessibility-foundations)
* [WSU Drop-In training sessions for creating accessible course materials](https://news.wsu.edu/announcement/drop-training-sessions-creating-accessible-course-materials/)
* [Virtual confidence building course for visually impaired people in Cork](https://avondhupress.ie/virtual-confidence-building-course-for-visually-impaired-people-in-cork/)
* [Boise State University- Upcoming cohort opportunities for free web accessibility micro-certification course](https://www.boisestate.edu/news/2020/08/12/upcoming-cohort-opportunities-for-free-web-accessibility-micro-certification-course/)
* [August and September 2020 Technology Accessibility Webinars- The University of Alabama](https://accessibility.ua.edu/august-september-2020-technology-accessibility-webinars/)
* [W3C Workshop on Web and Machine Learning- September 2020 Series of 4 virtual live sessions](https://www.w3.org/2020/06/machine-learning-workshop/)
* [K12 Toolkit Tuesdays: Calculating Change with Texas Instruments- September 1, 2020 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM CDT](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/k12-toolkit-tuesdays-calculating-change-with-texas-instruments-tickets-118062274441?aff=odeimcmailchimp&mc_cid=4cef9bef99&mc_eid=bb3597e65e)
* **Creating Accessible PowerPoints 2020 Essentials**(Austin, TX)– Offered [September 3](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/creating-accessible-powerpoints-2020-essentials-2/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2020august28) and [October 8](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/creating-accessible-powerpoints-2020-essentials/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2020August28)
* [Access Israel's 4th International Webinar | Accessibility of Remote Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities During and Post COVID-19-  September 8, 2020, 12:00 GMT](https://www.aisrael.org/?CategoryID=3471&ArticleID=67232)
* **Creating Accessible Word Documents 2020 Essentials (**Austin, TX) – Offered [September 9](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/creating-accessible-word-documents-2020-essentials-2/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2020august28) and [October 5](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/creating-accessible-word-documents-2020-essentials/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2020August28)
* [Virtual Web Accessibility Training- September 9-10, 2020](https://webaim.org/training/virtual/)
* [The CSS Layout Masterclass with Rachel Andrew September 10-11, 2020](https://smashingconf.com/online-workshops/workshops/rachel-andrew-sep/)
* [CIT Training: Web Accessibility for Content Contributors- September 14, 2020 - 1:00pm ET](https://it.cornell.edu/event/20200914/cit-training-web-accessibility-content-contributors)
* [Moving the Needle on Disability Employment - Tuesday, September 15th, 2020 - 2 - 3:30 PM EDT](https://adata.org/event/moving-needle-disability-employment)
* [2020 Virtual Leadership Briefing- September 15, 2020 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. EST](https://m-enabling.com/2020-virtual-leadership-briefing/)
* [Criminal Justice and the ADA - Wednesday, September 16th, 2020 - 2 - 3:30 PM EDT](https://adata.org/event/criminal-justice-and-ada-1)
* **Testing & Remediation Strategies for PDF Accessibility – The Basics**(Austin, TX) — Offered [September 16](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/document-accessibility-part-1-word-accessibility-and-pdf-accessibility-fundamentals-14/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2020august28) and [October 13](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/testing-remediation-strategies-for-pdf-accessibility-the-basics/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2020August28)
* [Inclusive Design 24 (#id24)- September 17, 2020](https://inclusivedesign24.org/2020/)
* [WAI-Tools Open Meeting Online,  September 22, 2020](https://www.w3.org/WAI/about/projects/wai-tools/third-open-meeting/)
* **Testing & Remediation Strategies for PDF Accessibility – Intermediate Edition** (Austin, TX) — Offered  [September](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/testing-remediation-strategies-for-pdf-accessibility-intermediate-edition/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2020august28) 22 and [October 20](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/testing-remediation-strategies-for-pdf-accessibility-intermediate-edition-2/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2020August28)
* [Working Rare: Employment Considerations for People Living with Rare Diseases - Tuesday, September 22nd, 2020 2:00 PM ET](https://adata.org/event/working-rare-employment-considerations-people-living-rare-diseases)
* [Online Discussion On The 2016 Web Accessibility Directive-  September 23, 2020 - 15:00 Duration: 2 Hours](http://www.edf-feph.org/events/23-september-online-discussion-2016-web-accessibility-directive)
* [Accessible InDesign, September 24th at 1pm ET Basics of Tagged PDFs, October 15th at 1pm ET Easy Guide: Writing Alt-Text, November 12th at 1pm ET](https://www.openaccesstech.com/oat-webinar-series/)
* [The Right Tool for the Job: Using Accessibility Software- September 28, 2020](https://www.meetup.com/Accessibility-Twin-Cities/events/268450340/)
* **Testing & Remediation Strategies for PDF Accessibility – Advanced Edition** (Austin, TX) Offered  [September 29](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/document-accessibility-part-3-pdf-accessibility-advanced-16/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2020august28) and [October 26](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/testing-remediation-strategies-for-pdf-accessibility-advanced-edition/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2020August28)
* [Managing for Accessibility Throughout the Acquisition Lifecycle - Tuesday, September 29th, 2020 - 1 - 2:30 PM EDT](https://adata.org/event/managing-accessibility-throughout-acquisition-lifecycle)
* [NEAT Virtual Conference- A closer look at assistive technology- October 2020 2-part sessions 4 days of learning](https://assistivetechnology.oakhillct.org/virtual-conference/)
* [WordPress Accessibility Day- October 2, 2020](https://make.wordpress.org/accessibility/2020/05/07/announcing-the-first-wordpress-accessibility-day/)
* [Basics of Tagged PDFs- October 15, 2020 1:00 PM in Eastern Time (US and Canada)](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEsdu2spzsvHNJ9amzKLIMEpBR5gQEr7TXR)
* [The Forest and the Trees: Scaling for Enterprise-Level Digital Accessibility- October 21, 2020](https://www.accessibilityassociation.org/content.asp?admin=Y&contentid=646)
* [Introduction to Digital Accessibility- October 28, 2020, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm ET](https://accessibility.princeton.edu/about/events/introduction-digital-accessibility-oct-20)
* [Unmasking Accessibility: Moving Beyond a Band-Aid Solution November 12, 2020](https://www.accessibilityassociation.org/content.asp?admin=Y&contentid=631)
* [Easy Guide: Writing Alt-Text- Nov 12, 2020 01:00 PM in Eastern Time (US and Canada)](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0tduyurD4uGN3oc5U8XD81EQDA0CJvrD0a)
* [International Day of People with Disability December 3, 2020](https://www.idpwd.com.au/)

**Accessibility Conferences**

* [Global Inclusion Online Forum- Online](https://inclusionforum.global/)

**Date:** September 3-10, 2020

* [Smashing Conference- Online](https://smashingconf.com/freiburg-2020/)

**Date:** September 7-8, 2020

* [12th Annual Diversity Symposium- Understanding Accessibility as Inclusion: Georgia Tech’s Pathway to Accessibility- Online](https://diversity.gatech.edu/12th-annual-diversity-symposium)

**Date:** September 9, 2020

* [Inclusive Design 24 (#id24)- Online](https://inclusivedesign24.org/2020/)

**Date**: September 17, 2020

* [Rehacare Düsseldorf- International trade fair for rehabilitation, care, prevention and inclusion- Messe Düsseldorf (Germany)](https://www.tradefairdates.com/Rehacare-M305/Duesseldorf.html)

**Date:**September 23-26,  2020

* [Paris Web- Online](https://www.paris-web.fr/)

**Date:** October 1-3, 2020

* [WordPress Accessibility Team to Host 24-Hour Online Event](https://wptavern.com/wordpress-accessibility-team-to-host-24-hour-online-event-october-2-2020)

**Date:** October 2, 2020

* [An Event Apart - Orlando, FL](https://aneventapart.com/event/orlando-2020)

**Date:** October 5-7, 2020

* [UX Conference October- Online](https://www.nngroup.com/training/october/)

**Date:** October 10-16, 2020

* [Smashing Conference- Austin, TX](https://smashingconf.com/austin-2020/postponed)

**Date:** October 13–14, 2020, with workshops on October 12th and 15th

* [HighEdWeb Annual Conference- Little Rock, AR](https://2020.highedweb.org/)

**Date:** October 17-21, 2020

* [HighEdWeb 2020 Annual Conference- Online](https://2020.highedweb.org/)

**Date:** October 19-20, 2020

* [#a11yWeekTO- Online](https://a11yto.com/)

**Date:** October 19-24, 2020

* [The 5th Annual ICT Accessibility Testing Symposium](https://www.ictaccessibilitytesting.org/home/)

**Date:**  ONLINE: October 21-23, 2020 (Pre-Conference October 14-16, 2020)

* [World Usability Congress 2020- Online](https://worldusabilitycongress.com/)

**Date:** October 20-21, 2020.

* [Smashing Conference - New York, NY](https://smashingconf.com/ny-2020/)

**Date:** October 20–21, 2020

* [IAAP Nordic Conference- Kista, Sweden](http://www.iaapnordic.org/events/moten/iaap-nordic-conference-2020/)

**Date:** November 23, 2020

* [Web Summit- Lisbon, Portugal](https://websummit.com/)

**Date:** December 2-4, 2020

* [Inclusive Africa Conference- On Digital Accessibility- Online](http://inclusiveafrica.org/)

**Date:** November 3-4, 2020

* [Naidex 2020- NEC Birmingham, England](https://www.naidex.co.uk/news/24196/)

**Date:** November 9-10, 2020

* [Smashing San Francisco Conference- Online](https://smashingconf.com/sf-2020/)

**Date:** November 10-11, 2020

* [World Usability Day- Global](https://worldusabilityday.org/)

**Date:** November 14, 2020

* [Accessing Higher Ground- Denver, CO](https://accessinghigherground.org/" \t "_blank)

**Date:** November 16-20, 2020

* [UI Arch Conf- New Orleans, LA](https://uiarchconf.com/)

**Date:** November 19-20, 2020

* [Funka Accessibility Days- Stockholm, Sweden](https://www.funka.com/en/we-offer/funka-accessibility-days/)

**Date:** November 24-25, 2020

* [Is Your Website Reaching A11Your Users? - Anaheim, California](http://aem.cast.org/about/events/2020/06/website-reaching-a11your-users.html)

**Date:** November 28-December 1, 2020

* [International Society for Technology in Education- Anaheim, CA](https://conference.iste.org/2020/)

**Date:** November 28-December 1, 2020

* [An Event Apart San Francisco- San Francisco, CA](https://aneventapart.com/event/san-francisco-2020)

**Date:** December 14-16, 2020

* [Web Accessibility Conference- New Orleans, LA](http://webaccessibilityconf.com/)

**Date:**November 18, 2020

* [An Event Apart - San Francisco, California](https://aneventapart.com/event/san-francisco-2020)

**Date:** December 14–16, 2020

* [Web Directions Summit- Sydney, Australia](https://www.webdirections.org/wds/)

**Date:** Late 2020, Early 2021

* [CES- Las Vegas, NV](https://www.ces.tech/)

**Date:** January 6-9, 2020

* [36th CSUN Assistive Technology Conference- Online](https://www.csun.edu/cod/conference/sessions/)

**Date:** March 8-12, 2021

* [University of Guelph Accessibility Conference - Guelph, ON Canada](https://opened.uoguelph.ca/accessibility-conference?_mid_=1718)

**Date:** May 26–27, 2021

* [SHRM 2021- Chicago, IL](https://annual.shrm.org/)

**Date:** June 20-23, 2021

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

**Date:** June 21-23, 2021

* [The Digital Accessibility Legal Summit 2021](https://www.accessibility.legal/index.html)

**Date:** June 24-25, 2021

* [HalfStack New York- New York, NY](https://halfstackconf.com/newyork/)

**Date**: August 2021

**Accessibility Employment Resources & Opportunities**

* [Upwork](https://www.upwork.com/)
* [SideHusl](https://sidehusl.com/)
* [A11YJOBS](https://www.a11yjobs.com/)
* [Ability Jobs](https://abilityjobs.com/)
* [Higher Ed Jobs](https://www.higheredjobs.com/admin/search.cfm?JobCat=179)
* [WorkforceGPS](https://www.workforcegps.org/)
* [Disabled Person](https://www.disabledperson.com/)
* [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/)
* [National Industries for the Blind](https://www.paycomonline.net/v4/ats/web.php/jobs?clientkey=C3DE8C56D71D87535EC8E7433280B0AE&jpt=)
* [Job Accommodation Network- JAN](https://askjan.org/index.cfm)
* [National Industry Liaison Group (NILG)](https://www.nationalilg.org/about-the-nilg/)
* [Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)](https://www.dol.gov/odep/)
* [Workplace Resources for Autism Spectrum Disorder](https://disability.workforcegps.org/resources/2018/01/29/17/53/Workplace_Resources_for_Autism-Spectrum_Disorder)
* [American Job Center (disability job-driven resources)](https://disability.workforcegps.org/resources/2017/11/09/18/31/American_Job_Center)
* [CareerOneStop COVID-19 Employment Recovery Page](https://www.careeronestop.org/employmentrecovery/)
* [The State Exchange on Employment & Disability (SEED)](https://www.dol.gov/odep/topics/SEED.htm)
* [Partnership on Employment & Accessible Technology (PEAT)](https://www.peatworks.org/)
* [College Registration for Workforce Recruitment Program (WRP)](https://www.wrp.gov/wrp)
* [The Future of Work: Honoring the Americans with Disabilities Act (PEAT)](https://www.peatworks.org/ada30)
* [Employer Assistance and Resource Network on Disability Inclusion (EARN)](https://askearn.org/)
* [E-Recruiting Screening Systems Checklist](https://askearn.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/EARN_PEAT_eRecruiting_Checklist.pdf)
* [Workforce Recruitment Program Seeks Federal Recruiters](https://www.wrp.gov/wrp?utm_source=govdelivery)
* [Celebrating ADA30: A Discussion on Youth Employment from the ADA Generation](https://askearn.org/training-center/webinars/celebrating-ada30-a-discussion-on-youth-employment-from-the-ada-generation/)
* [Accessibility Specialist Intern - GotIt!](https://jobs.lever.co/gotit/837be49e-16eb-46d2-b1f0-f4e504f0bf54?lever-source=indeed)
* [Senior QA A11Y Consultant - US Bank](https://usbank.taleo.net/careersection/10000/jobdetail.ftl?lang=en&job=200012790)
* [Accessibility Governance Advisor I - USAA](https://www.usaajobs.com/job/-/-/1207/17153644)
* [Senior Accessibility Engineer - Paciello Group](https://www.paciellogroup.com/accessibility-engineer-remote/)
* [Accessibility Specialist - Columbia Basin College](https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/columbiabasin/jobs/2836622/accessibility-specialist)
* [Accessibility Designer, Design Systems - Twitter](https://jobs.smartrecruiters.com/Twitter2/743999718018548-accessibility-designer-design-systems)
* [Digital Accessibility Specialist - Innovien Solutions](https://www.innovien.com/job/digital-accessibility-specialist-remote-atlanta-ga/)
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