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

**1.    As Pennsylvania invests in electric vehicles, PennDOT vows to make driving them more accessible- February 11, 2022 Source:**[**WESA**](https://www.wesa.fm/development-transportation/2022-02-11/as-pennsylvania-invests-in-electric-vehicles-penndot-vows-to-make-driving-them-more-accessible)

With Pennsylvania set to invest millions of federal and state dollars in electric vehicles over the next few years, Gov. Tom Wolf's administration has vowed to make sure no one is left out. The state is expected to receive $171.5 million over the next five years to fill gaps in a national network of electric vehicle charging stations. The Biden administration has earmarked $5 billion of the bipartisan infrastructure bill to build charging stations along major interstates every 50 miles…

**2.    "Hamilton" ASL interpretation sparks conversation about Deaf culture and accessibility- February 12, 2022 Source:**[**The Arbiter**](https://arbiteronline.com/2022/02/12/hamilton-asl-interpretation-sparks-conversation-about-deaf-culture-and-accessibility/)

American Sign Language (ASL) recently garnered some attention from community members and students alike with Hamilton’s run at the Morrison Center. Many students enjoyed watching the ASL interpreters just as much as the performance itself. These interpreters created a road for members of the Deaf community to voice the overlying issues as well as benefits of Deaf culture and accessibility. “I have a B.A. degree in theater, so I love anything related to theater,” said Davina Snow, ASL coordinator and professor at Boise State…

**3.    Justice Department Issues Guidance on Ballot Drop Box Accessibility Requirements Under the Americans with Disabilities Act- February 15, 2022 Source:**[**Department of Justice**](https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-issues-guidance-ballot-drop-box-accessibility-requirements-under-americans)

The Justice Department announced today it has issued guidance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on how to ensure that ballot drop boxes are accessible to voters with disabilities. The publication, “Ballot Drop Box Accessibility, the Americans with Disabilities Act,” is intended to help election officials understand the ADA’s requirements, including the physical accessibility standards applicable to ballot drop boxes, and for voters with disabilities to understand their rights under federal law…

**4.    Accessibility for All: Madison ice rink specifically designed to accommodate athletes with physical, cognitive disabilities- February 15, 2022 Source:**[**NBC15**](https://www.nbc15.com/2022/02/15/accessibility-all-madison-ice-rink-specifically-designed-accommodate-athletes-with-physical-cognitive-disabilities/)

The Madison Ice Arena is home to traditional ice sports, as well as adaptive hockey teams. It is specifically designed to accommodate athletes with physical and cognitive disabilities, by offering an easily accessible rink and special plexi-glass boards for players to see through while on the bench. This is especially important for sled hockey players, like Jonah Wortman. Jonah’s mom Jessica says her son was born with a rare genetic disorder that impacts all areas of development, from gross and fin motor, to speech and language delays…

**5.    Key to preventing Alzheimer's may be getting a better-quality sleep- February 14, 2022 Source:**[**Study Finds**](https://www.studyfinds.org/preventing-alzheimers-better-sleep/)

**a.    Your Eyes Could Contain a Clue to Whether You’ll Suffer from Age-Related Cognitive Decline- February 17, 2022 Source:**[**First for Women**](https://www.firstforwomen.com/posts/alzheimers/eye-health-cognitive-decline-study)

A good night’s sleep every night may be the best way to prevent the onset of Alzheimer’s disease, a new study reveals. Researchers from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute say a person’s circadian rhythms play a key role in wiping out a protein that clumps up in the brain and eventually causes dementia. Specifically, the study found that healthy sleep habits and avoiding sleep interruptions help the brain clear out the protein Amyloid-Beta 42 (AB42). In Alzheimer’s patients, previous studies have revealed that increasing levels of AB42 “clumping up” in the brain is one of the tell-tale signs of the disease’s onset…

**6.    Finding Team After Blindness- February 15, 2022 Source:**[**United States Association of Blind Athletes**](https://www.usaba.org/finding-team-after-blindness/)

When Huntington’s Zach Buhler was 12 years old, he started losing his sight because of the genetic disorder Stickler syndrome. His whole life outside of school was built around football, baseball, basketball, track and cross country, but everything changed. “I always wanted to be something big in sports,” Buhler said. “When I lost my vision, playing basketball is a little difficult when you can’t see the ball. When that got taken away, it did a number on me, to say the least.” Understandably, Buhler figured his athletic career was over forever. Then the U.S. men’s goalball team moved to Fort Wayne in 2015 to train at Turnstone…

**7.    One Day, I Couldn’t See Right. My Life Hasn’t Been the Same Since- February 15, 2022 Source:**[**The New York Times**](https://www.nytimes.com/2022/02/15/opinion/blindness-friendship.html)

After I woke up one morning several years ago with freakishly blurred vision, doctors figured out quickly what was wrong: I’d had a rare stroke of sorts. Overnight, it had ravaged the optic nerve behind my right eye. Worst-case scenario? The left eye would follow suit, leaving me blind. Best? Some improvement. Much adjustment. But I’d never see as clearly as before. And, indeed, I didn’t. A thin but permanent fog hangs over the right edge of my field of vision, awaiting a sun that never comes…

**8.    How to crack the code to happiness in the second half of life- February 16, 2022 Source:**[**NPR**](https://www.npr.org/2022/02/16/1080840387/retirement-happiness-social-science-ageing-book)

Sometimes being a social scientist comes in handy. Or at least it did for Arthur Brooks. He wanted to explore why some people were happy in the second half of life, and how he could make sure he — and others — could enjoy those decades. Aging can be hardest for strivers, Brooks said, who sometimes mourn that their biggest successes are in their rearview mirror. He advises those still in the first half of their working life to take the long view now. And for everyone to build in flexibility and be ready to adjust their expectations…

**9.    As Disabilities Commissioner Exits, Constituents Want More Access to City Hall- February 16, 2022 Source:**[**The City**](https://www.thecity.nyc/2022/2/16/22938096/as-disabilities-commissioner-exits-constituents-want-more-access-to-city-hall)

Accessibility advocates across New York are hopeful that a change in leadership within the city’s office for people with disabilities will bring on new improvements, as the longtime commissioner is set to leave next month.

Victor Calise, one of the city’s longest-serving commissioners, will leave his post March 4 to take a job at Wal-Mart, he told THE CITY on Monday. He was appointed to lead the Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities in 2012 by former Mayor Michael Bloomberg. He had previously worked as an accessibility coordinator in the Parks Department…

**10. Accessible Pedestrian Signals Are (Finally) Coming to New York City- February 16, 2022 Source:**[**Medium**](https://medium.com/@A11yInSight/accessible-pedestrian-signals-are-finally-coming-to-new-york-city-69354dc02a1c)

In Am. Council of the Blind of N.Y., Inc. v. City of N.Y., 495 F. Supp. 3d 211 (S.D.N.Y. 2020), the plaintiffs, a pair of blind New York residents, sued New York City, a fairly-large yet relatively unheard of metropolis, alleging that the city’s pedestrian traffic infrastructure was inaccessible to blind pedestrians due to, among other things, a lack of accessible pedestrian signals (APS). The December opinion from the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York provided a detailed court-mandated plan of action to address the inaccessibility of New York City’s streets…

**11. ‘You’re on hold forever.’ Social Security applicants complain about agency’s long waits- February 16, 2022 Source:**[**CNBC**](https://www.cnbc.com/2022/02/16/social-security-beneficiaries-applicants-complain-about-long-waits.html)

When Charlene Latsha calls the Social Security Administration, she’s placed on hold for so long that she hangs up. Latsha, 70, of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, has been trying to reach the government agency about her husband’s application for retirement benefits. Though he has been disabled and unable to work for the past two years, he is unable to claim disability benefits. But as he turns 65, the couple decided now would be a good time for him to claim his monthly retirement checks…

**12. Disability Advocates Focus on Accessibility in Voting Reforms- February 17, 2022 Source:**[**Public News Service**](https://www.publicnewsservice.org/2022-02-17/disabilities/disability-advocates-focus-on-accessibility-in-voting-reforms/a77829-1)

Experts say Missouri ranks low among states when it comes to steps it has taken to improve accessibility in voting. Denise Lieberman, director and general counsel of the Missouri Voter Protection Coalition, which has a disability-rights committee, said people with disabilities face barriers at all stages of the voting process, from registering to vote to casting a ballot and having their ballot counted. She pointed out for many people with disabilities, casting their vote independently is really important, and there should be accessible options both in-person and absentee…

**13. New grants would help Winston-Salem be more accessible for residents with disabilities- February 17, 2022 Source:**[**Triad City Beat**](https://triad-city-beat.com/grants-ws-accessible-disabilities/)

Mark Steele knows plenty of people who struggle to get around in Winston-Salem. He’s the executive director at Solutions for Independence, a Winston-Salem-based organization devoted to empowering people in the community who live with disabilities. Steele, who lives with a disability himself, says that there are several barriers to getting around downtown for those with mobility-related conditions. A recent study by WalletHub ranked Winston-Salem among the worst cities to live in for people with disabilities. The study ranked 182 cities based on economy, quality of life and healthcare. Winston-Salem came in at 176…

**14. 350 people cured of blindness by bionic eye firm face losing their sight AGAIN as firm goes bust- February 17, 2022 Source:**[**Daily Mail**](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10524561/350-people-cured-blindness-bionic-eye-firm-face-losing-sight-firm-goes-bust.html)

Around 350 people who had their blindness partially-cured by a bionic eye firm fear they'll lose their sight for a second time after the company went bust. Los Angeles-based Second Sight, discontinued its implant hardware in 2019, and reportedly let go of its staff in the early months of the pandemic in 2020. It's 350-plus worldwide patients were then left with obsolete and unsupported retinal implants, which cost about $500,000 per patient in total, with 80 percent covered by insurance…

**15. Meet the Teacher Empowering Visually Impaired Students With Next-Gen Tech- February 17, 2022 Source:**[**News Direct**](https://newsdirect.com/news/meet-the-teacher-empowering-visually-impaired-students-with-next-gen-tech-572697268)

Science teacher Lisa Ross taps a walnut on the desk of one of her high school students. She taps a pecan on the desk of the next student, and an almond on the next. One by one, she guides them to wrap their nuts in a napkin and bash them open with a mallet to see what’s inside. “What part of the plant is this?” she asks. “The seed!” they answer in unison. Ross is an instructor at the Governor Morehead School for the Blind (GMS), the 176-year-old residential school in Raleigh, North Carolina, that serves students from kindergarten up to age 21 whose sight ranges from moderate visual impairment to total blindness…

**16. NASA rocket scientist who grew up in Taunton never let being deaf stop him- February 17, 2022 Source:**[**The Taunton Daily Gazette**](https://www.tauntongazette.com/story/news/local/2022/02/17/nasa-rocket-scientist-from-taunton-ma-william-bill-yuknis-james-webb-space-telescope/6733980001/)

Jen's sixth-grade classmate, Bill, couldn't hear. But he did read lips. Teachers at Martin Middle School in Taunton asked her to take notes for him so he could concentrate on lip reading. The chance assignment lasted seven years and forged a life-long bond with the future NASA space flight engineer. Today, Jen Andrews brings up Bill Yuknis when she's advising students as college and career counselor at Taunton High. "I definitely will say to them, 'My friend is a rocket scientist at NASA. He sat in the same classroom as you,'" Andrews said. "I absolutely use him as an example of what kids from Taunton can achieve if they work hard."…

**17. SGA Bill of Opinion seeks American Sign Language expansion- February 17, 2022 Source:**[**The Breeze**](https://www.breezejmu.org/news/sga-bill-of-opinion-seeks-american-sign-language-expansion/article_e780d95e-8f91-11ec-9fb9-876680ee0ef4.html)

Bailey Kramarik said she signs American Sign Language (ASL) with a southern twang. “There are different accents in ASL, different regional dialects, and it is so much more complex than I think people outside of the Deaf community and outside of ASL recognize,” Kramarik, senior and ASL Club president, said. Partnering with ASL club and other organizations, the Student Government Association (SGA) is promoting a Bill of Opinion to expand students’ access to ASL and prioritize hiring people from the Deaf community throughout JMU’s ranks…

**18. Justice Department Resolves Lawsuits to Ensure Equal Access to Health Care for People with HIV- February 17, 2022 Source:**[**Department of Justice**](https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-resolves-lawsuits-ensure-equal-access-health-care-people-hiv)

The Justice Department today announced that it has filed proposed consent decrees with two obstetrician-gynecologist (OB/GYN) doctors in Bakersfield, California. The consent decrees, which are subject to approval by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California, resolve the department’s lawsuits against the doctors, Umaima Jamaluddin MD, and Chibuike Enyereibe Anucha MD, PC, under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The department sued Dr. Jamaluddin and Dr. Anucha alleging violations of the ADA based on their refusal to provide routine medical care to a patient because the patient has HIV…

**19. The Truth About Dave Grohl's Tragic Hearing Loss- February 17, 2022 Source:**[**The Things**](https://www.thethings.com/dave-grohl-tragic-hearing-loss-facts/)

The challenges of being a deaf musician was something explored in the Riz Ahmed 2019 movie, The Sound of Metal. Deafness was something that also plagued a couple of history's most acclaimed musicians, including Ludwig van Beethoven. So, it's certainly possible to be an outstanding musical talent without what some believe is a necessity for it. But it's freaking hard. Therefore, there's no doubt that fans of Nirvana and The Foot Fighters were shocked when they found out that Dave Grohl suffers from significant hearing loss…

**20. Office of the Advocate for People with Disabilities a step forward, disability advocates say- February 17, 2022 Source:**[**LI Herald**](https://www.liherald.com/wantagh/stories/office-of-the-advocate-for-people-with-disabilities-a-step-forward-disability-advocates-say,138624)

Gov. Kathy Hochul has reinstated the Office of the Advocate for People with Disabilities which will help protect the rights of state residents with disabilities. Assembly Bill A3130, signed Feb. 4, “assure[s] that persons with disabilities are afforded the opportunity to exercise all of the rights and responsibilities accorded to citizens of the state of New York.” The office was originally created by former Gov. Mario Cuomo and dissolved under Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s tenure…

**21. Mindset Matters: How Businesses Must Analyze Real-Time Trends To Grasp The Breadth Of The Disability Economy- February 17, 2022 Source:**[**Forbes**](https://www.forbes.com/sites/jonathankaufman/2022/02/17/mindset-matters-how-businesses-must-analyze-real-time-trends-to-grasp-the-breadth-of-the-disability-economy/?sh=fcfdc967c876)

Any business that wants to engage in the growing Disability Economy must recognize the landscape of this community itself is not limited to simply the economic realities that drive this consumer market or the evolution of entrepreneurship, but rather something far greater. There are various social forces at play that are driving change and need to be understood for businesses to actively engage in this space in any real authentic way.  Analysts should constantly be paying attention to the social structures that are defining the very architecture of the disability narrative and make those connections to articulate a sound business strategy…

**22. The Most Accessible Best of Beauty Award-Winning Products for People With Upper-Extremity Disabilities- February 17, 2022 Source:**[**Allure**](https://www.allure.com/gallery/best-of-beauty-award-winners-accessibility-upper-extremity-disabilities)

Beauty is for everyone, yet many products available today are still not made to be accessible to everyone. It was something I didn't realize until being involved in an accident that paralyzed my left arm. Many of the beauty products I once used were very difficult to access for someone relying on just one arm.  After that accident, I was regularly grazing the tops off of lipsticks when uncapping them. And the amount of time I devoted to opening some jarred items would have been better spent doing anything else…

**23. Ableism Is More Than A Breach Of Etiquette — It Has Consequences- February 17, 2022 Source:**[**Forbes**](https://www.forbes.com/sites/andrewpulrang/2022/02/17/ableism-is-more-than-a-breach-of-etiquette---it-has-consequences/?sh=77672f457b7f)

What’s the point of working against disability prejudice — also known as ableism? Sometimes it seems like the fight against ableism boils down to little more than making sure not to offend disabled people. It certainly helps make disabled people’s everyday lives better if they can get through a day without having to put up with annoying or hurtful comments. But there’s much more to ableism than giving personal offense. Ableist assumptions, ideas, habits and even language are problems worth fighting because they lead to actions that materially affect disabled people’s lives…

**24. Snack shop program teaching students with disabilities valuable workplace skills- February 17, 2022 Source:**[**Spectrum News1**](https://spectrumnews1.com/ky/louisville/news/2022/02/11/snack-shop-covington)

A center focused on helping people with disabilities in Northern Kentucky has been preparing high school students for the workforce in the future by throwing them right into it. Selling snacks is helping build confidence and making a meaningful, lasting impression. In recent weeks, 17-year-old Raven Nelson has blossomed. “It makes me really confident to do my job, if I get a job,” she said. “And it helps disabled kids like me learn more about jobs.”

Nelson described her and her partner’s roles…

**25. Judge holds D.C. in contempt for failing to provide education to older students with disabilities in jail- February 17, 2022 Source:**[**The Washington Post**](https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2022/02/17/dc-jail-education-contempt/)

A federal judge has found the District in contempt of court for failing to provide adequate special education to students with disabilities detained at the D.C. jail. In the Wednesday order, District Judge Carl J. Nichols required the city to have a “remote-learning system fully operational” by March 15; to submit individualized plans to make up for missed special-education hours over the past five months; and to extend eligibility for all students who may have aged out of the education program since the court first issued an injunction in June 2021…

Jack Fact **—***According to a special report by the Alzheimer’s Association titled, “2021 Alzheimer’s Disease Facts and Figures,” an estimated 6.2 million Americans are living with Alzheimer’s dementia in 2021. In 2050 the number is expected to grow to more than 12 million. The report explains that 11 percent of individuals over the age of 65 have Alzheimer’s dementia, and 34 percent of seniors 85 and older live with the disease.*

Hit The Road Jack**—**[**Giant's Causeway to introduce accessible buggy and multi-terrain wheelchairs**](https://www.irishnews.com/business/2022/01/15/news/giant-s-causeway-to-introduce-accessible-buggy-and-multi-terrain-wheelchairs-2561041/)**&**[**Greece Makes Accessibility for All Travelers Priority**](https://news.gtp.gr/2022/01/21/greece-makes-accessibility-for-all-travelers-priority/)

**International News**

**1.    Biker Group ‘Eagle Specially Abled Riders’ Is Spreading Awareness About Accessibility And Inclusion For People With Disabilities- February 11, 2022 Source:**[**Swachh- India**](https://swachhindia.ndtv.com/biker-group-eagle-specially-abled-riders-is-spreading-awareness-about-accessibility-and-inclusion-for-people-with-disabilities-66578/)

The story dates back to January 13, 1983, when the Siddiqui household in Madhya Pradesh’s Jabalpur was blessed with a baby boy. The family was more than elated to have a boy in the family after the birth of three girls. The little Aameer Siddiqui was growing up well and would walk around the house on his tiny feet until one day when his right leg stopped functioning. 18 months old boy woke up to the horror of a paralysed leg. The family took Aameer to various doctors in the village and even to in the nearby town but all in vain…

**2.    An 11-year-old girl with Down syndrome was being bullied. So her country's President walked her to school- February 11, 2022  Source:**[**CNN- North Macedonia**](https://www.cnn.com/2022/02/11/europe/north-macedonia-bullied-girl-president-intl-scli/index.html)

The President of North Macedonia walked an 11-year-old girl with Down syndrome to school after he heard she was being bullied. President Stevo Pendarovski held Embla Ademi's hand as he walked her to her elementary school in the city of Gostivar on Monday. Embla has experienced bullying at school due as a result of having Down syndrome -- a genetic condition that causes learning disabilities, health problems and distinctive facial characteristics -- a spokesperson for the President's office told CNN…

**3.    Disabled woman says she was denied entry to Gurgaon restaurant, management apologises- February 13, 2022 Source:**[**The Indian Express- India**](https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/disabled-woman-denied-entry-gurgaon-restaurant-7770248/)**&**[**Millennium Post- India**](http://www.millenniumpost.in/delhi/lack-of-accessibility-for-persons-with-disabilities-once-again-comes-to-fore-468226)

A woman who uses a wheelchair complained Saturday that she was denied entry into a popular restaurant in Gurgaon following which its management has apologised saying that they would look into the matter and take action accordingly. The woman, Srishti, took to Twitter and said that she had gone to the restaurant Raasta on Friday with friends and family, only to be informed by the staff that her wheelchair “can’t go inside”. “We thought it was an accessibility issue, but it wasn’t. We told him that we’d manage, just book us a table…

**4.    Public transport apps and websites are failing to meet needs of disabled passengers, says review- February 13, 2022 Source:**[**Independent- Ireland**](https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/public-transport-apps-and-websites-are-failing-to-meet-needs-of-disabled-passengers-says-review-41341770.html)

A review of major transport companies’ websites and apps has scored them poorly for failing to meet the needs of disabled users who have eyesight trouble or other difficulties. The National Disability Authority (NDA) report, required under EU rules, found that many sites are partly compliant but have lingering issues that need sorting out to ensure accessibility for people with a visual or cognitive impairment. This includes having adequate layouts, text size and colour contrasts that are compatible with technology like screen readers…

**5.    Australia is behind on accessibility at music festivals and gigs and fans with a disability are missing out- February 12, 2022 Source:**[**ABC- Australia**](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-02-13/live-music-festivals-should-be-accessible/100776984)

Before he could crawl Jacob Cremen-Darkin had already gotten his hands on his father's guitar. For him, music is a universal language. His favourite memory is when he got to play a baby grand piano during year 8 for the graduating class. "I guess before I really took a lot of things for granted," he said. In 2019, the Parramatta man broke his neck doing a front flip. Ending up on his head, Mr Cremen-Darkin's crushed his spinal cord and spent the next nine months in hospital…

**6.    Universal Accessibility The Way Forward for Inclusive Indian Future- February 12, 2022 Source:**[**eGov Magazine- India**](https://egov.eletsonline.com/2022/02/universal-accessibility-the-way-forward-for-inclusive-indian-future/)

India has been trying to address the challenges of disability inclusion ever since the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995. Though it may not fit with the changing philosophies of Disability Inclusion, it was a wise attempt to understand the diverse needs of persons with disabilities and encourage their participation in socio- cultural aspects of society, write Prof. Gaurav Raheja from the Department of Architecture, IIT Roorkee and Kanika Bansal, Senior Project Associate – BASIIC Programme, National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)…

**7.    One woman's fight to make Halifax accessible- February 13, 2022 Source:**[**Halifax Examiner- Canada**](https://www.halifaxexaminer.ca/featured/one-womans-fight-to-make-halifax-accessible/)

**a.    A prescription for accessibility in health care- February 15, 2022 Source:**[**Halifax Examiner- Canada**](https://www.halifaxexaminer.ca/featured/a-prescription-for-accessibility-in-health-care/)

Milena Khazanavicius has been fighting with the HRM for safety on city sidewalks for so long she can’t remember the first time it was an issue. She said she can remember the story that made the headlines, though. It was this one reported by the Examiner in September 2020. Then, Khazanavicius was advocating for the city to fix a guy-wire on Young Street because it was too low to the sidewalk and dangerous for pedestrians who are blind and partially sighted like her (a yellow sleeve was placed over the wire, but Khazanavicius said it was still too low and dangerous)…

**8.    Over 80 percent of Deaf people say their accessibility needs are unmet- February 15, 2022 Source:**[**National Health Executive- England**](https://www.nationalhealthexecutive.com/articles/over-80-percent-deaf-people-say-their-accessibility-needs-are-unmet)

A report published today by the Deaf Health Charity- Signhealth, has found that 81 percent of patients reported having an appointment where their communication needs were unmet. The report also revealed that 67 percent of Deaf people said that they are unaware of an accessible way of contacting their GP. At the end of last year over 900 people responded to a survey about the NHS Accessible Information Standard (AIS) England, consisting of charities and disabled people who have accessible information and communication needs…

**9.    Accessibility consultant 'disappointed' Calgary Lululemon store inaccessible despite paralympic partnership–  February 15, 2022 Source:**[**iHeartRadio- Canada**](https://www.iheartradio.ca/newstalk-1010/news/accessibility-consultant-disappointed-calgary-lululemon-store-inaccessible-despite-paralympic-partnership-1.17166116)

The front entrance to the Lululemon store in Calgary's Mission neighbourhood is inaccessible for persons who use wheelchairs and mobility scooters says an accessibility consultant who calls it especially disappointing as the Vancouver-based retailer is an official partner with the Olympics and Paralympics. "The fact this is a Paralympic sponsor has a different ring to it," said Darby Young, who uses a mobility scooter. "(There is) irony behind it and its disappointing," Young is the founder of Level Playing Field, a consultancy firm that helps clients address mobility and accessibility concerns…

**11. Rail Minister visits Eridge station after completion of accessibility upgrades- February 17, 2022 Source:**[**Rail Technology Magazine- UK**](https://www.railtechnologymagazine.com/articles/rail-minister-visits-eridge-station-accessibility-upgrades)

Rail Minister Wendy Morton and Wealden MP Nusrat Ghani paid a visit to Eridge station following the completion of accessibility improvements at the station. The £1.9m project at Eridge included the installation of a new lift and ramp delivered by Network Rail and BAM Nuttall. The improvement works at the station in East Sussex form part of the Department for Transport’s Access for All fund. This follows on from a series of projects already undertaken at Eridge station which included a new £1.8m footbridge, a £500,000 canopy and platform renovations…

**12. TCD researchers take ‘significant step’ in finding treatments for blindness- February 17, 2022 Source:**[**Silicon Republic- Ireland**](https://www.siliconrepublic.com/innovation/trinity-research-blindness-treatment-gene)

Scientists at Trinity College Dublin believe targeting a specific gene can help treat many forms of genetic blindness. The study published in the International Journal of Molecular Science claims a gene called SARM1 is a key driver in the damage that ultimately leads to impaired vision and possibly blindness. In the US, around 12m people who are 40 years and older have vision impairment, including 1m who are blind, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention…

**13. Factors associated with decreased vision: is it just a visual impairment?- February 17, 2022 Source:**[**Portugal Resident- Europe**](https://www.portugalresident.com/factors-associated-with-decreased-vision-is-it-just-a-visual-impairment/)

Many causes of visual impairment can be prevented or treated. With global population aging, the need for eye health services has increased exponentially. Recent studies unfortunately reveal that the gross global prevalence of preventable visual impairment and blindness in adults aged 50 and over has not changed between 2010 and 2019. Results have revealed that the leading global causes of blindness in people aged 50 and over in 2020 which occupy the top places are cataract, glaucoma, uncorrected refractive error, age-related macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy…

**14. My Story: 'I Lost My Visually-Impaired Friend In 2005 That Urged Me To Work On Eye-Donation'- February 17, 2022 Source:**[**The Logical Indian- India**](https://thelogicalindian.com/my-story/swapnil-gawande-eye-donation-34003)

In my opinion, a person does not choose the cause, but it is the cause that determines them. My journey started when I was very young. I used to take music classes in Akola. During that time, I realised many students were visually impaired. I had one such friend. His name was Abdul, and he had a very melodious voice. Abdul was blind since birth and came from a low-income family. His father was a rag picker, and his mother died during pregnancy. Despite the tragic circumstances, Abdul's father sent him to the classes where I met him. We struck a chord with each other. While he used to sing, I used to play the violin…

**15. Cochlear implant scheme relaunched; 67 children set to benefit in the first phase- February 17, 2022 Source:**[**The Hindu- India**](https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/bangalore/cochlear-implant-scheme-relaunched-67-children-set-to-benefit-in-the-first-phase/article65059625.ece)

Karnataka Health Department has relaunched its cochlear implant programme that had come to a standstill since 2018-2019. As many as 67 children have been evaluated and are awaiting surgeries, officials said. Under the programme, a three-year-old male child from Ramanagaram underwent the surgery on Wednesday at the State-run K C General Hospital. State Health Commissioner D Randeep, who announced this in a tweet, “As Karnataka gears up towards shrinking the childhood deafness burden, a three-year-old boy from Ramanagaram gains a strong foundation to a joyous childhood and equitable learning opportunity…

**16. Why is a non-disabled person leading the establishment of a disability ministry?- February 17, 2022 Source:**[**The Spinoff- New Zealand**](https://thespinoff.co.nz/politics/17-02-2022/why-is-a-non-disabled-person-leading-the-establishment-of-a-disability-ministry)

Disabled people who attended a recent online protest rally voted no confidence in the process of establishing a Ministry for Disabled People if it is not led by a disabled person. However disabled people, at the rally and beyond, emphasise that their opposition to this appointment is not personal to the individual appointed. The Disabled Leadership Now rally attendees say the government is not listening to rank and file disabled people, and does not understand the depth of feeling of exclusion from the process. They objected to a communications vacuum from the establishment unit…

**17. Children with Disabilities 10 Times More Likely to Miss School- February 17, 2022 Source:**[**Soko Directory- Africa**](https://sokodirectory.com/2022/02/children-with-disabilities-10-times-more-likely-to-miss-school/)

Children with disabilities are 10 times more likely to miss out on school than other children. Although some still attend school, they often drop out early due to the challenges they face in accessing education. The support given to children with disabilities to access education and learning in urban areas is higher than that of their peers in rural areas. Often, they are unable to attend school because of inaccessible classrooms and toilets, limited understanding of their educational needs, prejudice, and unfavorable customs, among other reasons…

**18. Inclusion Of Persons With Disabilities In The Workforce Can Increase GDP By 3-7%: ILO- February 17, 2022 Source:**[**NDTV- India**](https://swachhindia.ndtv.com/inclusion-of-persons-with-disabilities-in-the-workforce-can-increase-gdp-by-3-7-ilo-66665/)

There are an estimated one billion persons with disabilities globally, with about 80 per cent of them living in developing countries. According to the United Nations, in developing countries, 10 per cent to 90 per cent of persons with disabilities (PwD) of working age are unemployed. Though there has been a lot of improvement, greater awareness and change in the last 40 years, society is still the biggest barrier for people with disabilities. Stereotyping, stigma, and discrimination – these are all enduring challenges that have resulted in underemployment, inadequate job quality and marginalisation…

**19. Govt policies must consider disability-friendliness- February 18, 2022 Source:**[**New Age- Bangladesh**](https://www.newagebd.net/article/163018/govt-policies-must-consider-disability-friendliness)

A wheelchair-bound man stuck on a footpath in Dhaka having pole barriers intended to block motorcycle movement, as a photograph that New Age published on Thursday shows, brings to the fore issues of inaccessibility of people with disabilities. The issues have been highlighted by individuals and organisations working for the well-being of people with disabilities. The authorities have on occasions come up with promises to make roads, footpaths, public transports and services friendly to people with disabilities, but little of the promises has been translated into reality…

**COVID-19 Resources and Information**

* [How The Pandemic Is Changing Our Bodies- BuzzFeed](https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/katiecamero/pandemic-body-changes)
* [Fears people with disability left behind- New Castle Herald](https://www.newcastleherald.com.au/story/7625340/fears-people-with-disability-left-behind/?cs=9397)
* [Estimated 73% of US now immune to omicron: Is that enough?- AP](https://apnews.com/article/coronavirus-pandemic-science-health-united-states-3e7ab3f74080bac8480aa6de3e65ecce)
* [Executives Are Quitting to Spend Time With Family … Really- DNyuz](https://dnyuz.com/2022/02/16/executives-are-quitting-to-spend-time-with-family-really/)
* [Here’s What the Pandemic Has in Store for the World Next- Bloomberg](https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/other/here-s-what-the-pandemic-has-in-store-for-the-world-next/ar-AATO77m)
* [‘I felt like I didn’t have a disability during lockdown’- Law Society Gazette](https://www.lawsociety.ie/gazette/top-stories/2022/i-felt-like-i-didnt-have-a-disability-during-the-lockdown)
* [If you're finding this stage of the pandemic especially confusing, you're not alone- NPR](https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2022/02/14/1080684261/confused-about-how-worried-to-be-about-the-pandemic-youre-not-alone)
* [Designing accessible learning tools ensures inclusive learning opportunities- Sanoma Oyj](https://www.marketscreener.com/quote/stock/SANOMA-OYJ-1412549/news/Sanoma-Oyj-Designing-accessible-learning-tools-ensures-inclusive-learning-opportunities-39484664/)
* [As Schools Drop Mask Mandates, Parents of Kids With Disabilities Prepare to Fight- Time](https://time.com/6146341/school-mask-mandates-disabilities/)

**Accessibility Blogs & Information**

* [Weekly Travel Digest - Issue #8](https://www.getrevue.co/profile/atotravelworld/issues/weekly-travel-digest-issue-8-1022893)
* [Why web accessibility is vital to HR- EBN](https://www.benefitnews.com/opinion/why-web-accessibility-is-vital-to-hr)
* [Is campus truly accessible for all students?- Technique](https://nique.net/opinions/2022/02/14/is-campus-truly-accessible-for-all-students/)
* [SPED Accessibility- Singapore Minister for Education](https://www.moe.gov.sg/news/parliamentary-replies/20220214-sped-accessibility)
* [Rise in students using accessibility services- CityNews](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eNoOcNES9Us) **(YouTube)**
* [Reflections on 30 years in the Accessibility Field- Peter Korn](https://peterkorn.wordpress.com/2022/02/10/reflections-on-30-years-in-the-accessibility-field/)
* [Accessibility Testing Tools and Practices- Harvard University](https://accessibility.huit.harvard.edu/testing)
* [Weather accessibility for the deaf and hard of hearing- CBS19](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05FhPpB3B_c)
* [9 benefits of driving from your wheelchair- Disability Horizons](https://disabilityhorizons.com/2022/02/9-benefits-of-driving-from-your-wheelchair/)
* [Building accessible brands: the missing link of D&I- The Drum](https://www.thedrum.com/opinion/2022/02/15/building-accessible-brands-the-missing-link-di)
* [Federal A11y: Federal Digital Accessibility Updates- Microassist](https://www.microassist.com/digital-accessibility/federal-a11y/)
* [How to get a disability pension if you haven’t contributed enough- Then24](https://then24.com/2022/02/17/how-to-get-a-disability-pension-if-you-havent-contributed-enough/)
* [Web accessibility is good for your soul—and for business- Computerworld](https://www.computerworld.com/article/3649989/web-accessibility-is-good-for-your-soul-and-for-business.html)
* [Location, buildings lead to accessibility issues on campus - The Wood Word](https://www.thewoodword.org/news/2022/02/16/location-buildings-lead-to-accessibility-issues-on-campus/)
* [Let’s talk about Disability in the workplace- Chartered Management Institute](https://www.managers.org.uk/knowledge-and-insights/article/lets-talk-about-disability-in-the-workplace/)
* [Students push for Persons with Disabilities Cultural Center- Yale Daily News](https://yaledailynews.com/blog/2022/02/15/students-push-for-persons-with-disabilities-cultural-center/)
* [W3C Validator: What It Is & Why It Matters For SEO- Search Engine Journal](https://www.searchenginejournal.com/wc3-validator-guide/437030/)
* [Bill Text - AB-2164 Disability access: funding- California Legislative Information](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2164)
* [What to Consider When Considering Disability Insurance- Government Executive](https://www.govexec.com/pay-benefits/2022/02/what-consider-when-considering-disability-insurance/362162/)
* [Website Accessibility Claims Still Accessible for Disabled Plaintiffs - Total Food Service](https://totalfood.com/website-accessibility-claims-still-accessible-for-disabled-plaintiffs/)
* [The State of ADA Digital Accessibility Lawsuits [Free On-Demand Webinar]- UsableNet](https://info.usablenet.com/on-demand-webinar-digital-accessibility-and-ada-lawsuits-feb-2022)
* [Many accessibility problems would be solved if business did three things- Sheri Byrne-Haber](https://sheribyrnehaber.medium.com/many-accessibility-problems-would-be-solved-if-business-did-three-things-43f8e40053fd)
* [Condo Smarts: Strata council should endeavour to solve accessibility problem- Times Colonist](https://www.timescolonist.com/life/condo-smarts-strata-council-should-endeavour-to-solve-accessibility-problem-5055628)
* [Is Your Website User-Friendly? Why You Might Be Missing Out on Business- Special Events](https://www.specialevents.com/content/your-website-user-friendly-why-you-might-be-missing-out-business)
* [SGA accessibility resolution to make remote learning a reasonable accommodation- The DePaulia](https://depauliaonline.com/56823/news/sga-accessibility-resolution-to-make-remote-learning-a-reasonable-accommodation/)
* [Website accessibility considerations for private institutions of higher education- Thompson Coburn](https://www.thompsoncoburn.com/insights/blogs/regucation/post/2022-02-11/website-accessibility-considerations-for-private-institutions-of-higher-education)
* [Virtual Reality Accessibility: The Importance of Comfort Ratings and Reducing Motion- Meryl Evans](https://equalentry.com/virtual-reality-accessibility-comfort-ratings-and-reduced-motion/)
* [Disability activist uses CRSP lecture to advocate for accessibility- University Times - University of Pittsburgh](https://www.utimes.pitt.edu/news/disability-activist-uses)
* [ASL and Deaf culture classes are part of an expanded focus on disability and accessibility- Princeton University](https://www.princeton.edu/news/2022/02/11/asl-and-deaf-culture-classes-are-part-expanded-focus-disability-and-accessibility)
* [‘No Flexibility Whatsoever’: Students Voice Frustrations Over Harvard’s Accessibility Policies- The Harvard Crimson](https://www.thecrimson.com/article/2022/2/15/undergraduate-accessibility-frustrations/)
* [Manual Coding vs. Overlay: How To Choose The Right Accessibility Option For Your Business’ Website- BBN Times](https://www.bbntimes.com/technology/manual-coding-vs-overlay-how-to-choose-the-right-accessibility-option-for-your-business-website)
* [1 in 4 American Adults Have a Disability — Does Your Site Give Them a Great Shopping Experience?- Retail TouchPoints](https://www.retailtouchpoints.com/topics/customer-experience/1-in-4-american-adults-have-a-disability-does-your-site-give-them-a-great-shopping-experience)
* [Measuring Access to Individual Placement Support (IPS) and Employment Outcomes for Historically Underserved Groups- ASPIRE](https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/ODEP/topics/pdf/ASPIRE-IssueBriefMeasuringRace.pdf)
* [MACo Urges Sensible Approach to Accessibility Tools in Schools - Conduit Street- Conduit Street - Maryland Association of Counties](https://conduitstreet.mdcounties.org/2022/02/16/maco-urges-sensible-approach-to-accessibility-tools-in-schools/)
* [The 2022 ICT Accessibility Testing Symposium- Call For Proposals Deadline Extended- The deadline to submit a 1,000 word proposal has been extended to Monday, February 28.](https://mailchi.mp/aec740cf6825/ict-2022-call-for-proposals-and-more-14193697?e=ad27e2cae4)

**Accessibility Training & Meetings**

* [Learn From NEAT](https://assistivetechnology.oakhillct.org/learn-from-neat/)
* [Digital Accessibility Training](https://abilitynet.org.uk/accessibility-services/digital-accessibility-training)
* [Archived JAN Webinars and Webcasts](https://askjan.org/events/webinars/archive/index.cfm)
* [NEAT's Winter 2022 Webinar Schedule](https://mailchi.mp/oakhillct/neat-newsletter-20141315?e=23a44f5afe)
* [Accessibility Training Resources- HHS.gov](https://www.hhs.gov/web/section-508/os-training-resources/index.html)
* [Upcoming IAAP Webinars - Digital Accessibility](https://www.accessibilityassociation.org/s/upcoming-webinars)
* [CAST: The Accessible Learning Experience Podcast](https://aem.cast.org/get-started/accessible-learning-experience)
* [Job Accommodation Network 2022 Webcast Series](https://askjan.org/events/register/2021-2022-webcast-series.cfm)
* [Attend Events and View Recordings- Accessible U- University of Minnesota](https://accessibility.umn.edu/groups-events/attend-events-view-recordings?block_config_key=q3x7Y7KV4Kt6eEBvzXSmF-QZvhNJB00JZyGVa53Av_E&page=1)
* [Disability:IN January Affiliate Zoom Meeting Recording "Sharing Lessons Learned from 2021"](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/YfbF3y47hJWZYoHmhhdYBlhWDA9kX3LdNTd2Q0nudhXk83iAjGnDM8UO7yZVMe8eEz54PDE7bGB05JXK.E8442otWrFLa_OW4?continueMode=true&_x_zm_rtaid=rso8_xGsRp-oxGi95TFzzg.1643058267172.121cfdc0a396dcb58255fdc84ac0e1c7&_x_zm_rhtaid=634)
* [Welcome to Disability:IN DC Metro's 2022 Live Events and C5 Consulting's Disability IQ Modules!](https://www.pathlms.com/disabilityiq)
* [New Courses Launching To Improve Support For Those Affected By Combined Hearing And Sight Loss](https://indiaeducationdiary.in/new-courses-launching-to-improve-support-for-those-affected-by-combined-hearing-and-sight-loss/)
* [Training Courses: Strategies for Disability Inclusion- Explore EARN's self-paced courses on the Inclusion@Work Framework](https://askearn.org/page/training-courses-strategies-for-disability-inclusion)
* [The Internet is Unusable: The Disabled View - Nicolas Steenhout on February 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM CST](https://www.meetup.com/wordpress-accessibility-meetup-group/events/282798136/)
* [Perth Web Accessibility Camp 2022- February 22, 2022 8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. AWST](http://a11yperth.com/events/perth-web-accessibility-camp-2022.php)
* [Introducing ARRM: Assigning Ownership to Get Things Done- February 22nd, 2PM (ET)](https://a11ytalks.com/posts/2022-FEB)
* [Customer Service Training Improves the Customer Experience and Your Bottom-Line- February 22nd at 1 PM ET](https://www.accessibility.com/event/2022/customer-service-training-improves-the-customer-experience-and-your-bottom-line)
* [Creating Accessible Documents- February 23, 2022 The webinar runs from 16:00-16:30 (UK time zone)](https://www.callscotland.org.uk/professional-learning/webinars/WEB206/)
* [Libraries to Offer Webinar: Accessibility for Cultural Programs- February 23, 2022, 2:00pm - 3:00pm Central Time - US & Canada](https://news.uark.edu/articles/58971/libraries-to-offer-webinar-accessibility-for-cultural-programs)
* **Testing & Remediation Strategies for PDF Accessibility – Intermediate Edition** (Austin, TX) — Offered [February 23](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/testing-remediation-strategies-for-pdf-accessibility-intermediate-virtual/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2022february18) and [March 16](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/testing-remediation-strategies-for-pdf-accessibility-intermediate-virtual-2/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2022february18) and [April 20](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/testing-remediation-strategies-for-pdf-accessibility-intermediate-virtual-3/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2022february18)
* [Flyers & infographics- February 24, 2022 - 10:00 am to 12:00 pm PST](https://www.csun.edu/universal-design-center/events/flyers-infographics-3)
* [Accessibility: Essential to the Physical, Hybrid, and Remote Workplace- February 24, 2022 • 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET](http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ej0tkfkd06d32b2f&llr=rjrpmitab)
* [Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time](https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-announces-february-24-2022-dac-meeting-date)
* [Taking Your Accessibility Statement To The Next Level- February 24, 2022 at 12 pm ET](https://www.tpgi.com/webinar-february-24-at-12pm-et-taking-your-accessibility-statement-to-the-next-level/)
* [Accessibility: Essential to the Physical, Hybrid, and Remote Workplace- February 24TH, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM EST](http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=rjrpmitab&oeidk=a07ej0tkfkd06d32b2f)
* [Breast Cancer Webinar for Women Who Are Blind- February 25, 2022 12:00 PM in Eastern Time (US and Canada)](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_caNB11QmS4a4KjJyBnZWwQ)
* [In Search of the Accessibility Silver Bullet February 28, 2022 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM CST](https://www.meetup.com/Accessibility-Twin-Cities/events/283323020/)
* **Testing & Remediation Strategies for PDF Accessibility – Advanced Edition** (Austin, TX--) Offered [February 28](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/testing-remediation-strategies-for-pdf-accessibility-advanced-edition-virtual-3/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2022february18) and [March 23](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/testing-remediation-strategies-for-pdf-accessibility-advanced-edition-virtual-5/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2022february18) and [April 25](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/testing-remediation-strategies-for-pdf-accessibility-advanced-edition-virtual-4/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2022february18)
* [Web Accessibility Techniques and Testing (Virtual) - March: Vision Australia- March 1, 2022, 8:00 pm – March 22, 2022, 11:00 pm CST](https://events.humanitix.com/web-accessibility-techniques-and-testing-virtual-march-vision-australia-2022)
* [Overlays Underwhelm- March 1, 2022 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM CST](https://www.meetup.com/A11yNYC/events/283381479/)
* **Creating Accessible Word Documents 2020 Essentials (**Austin, TX) – Offered [March 1](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/creating-accessible-word-documents-virtual/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2022february18) and [April 1](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/creating-accessible-word-documents-virtual-2/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2022february18)
* [Webinar – Mobile-Accessibility Testing Toolbox on March 2, 2022 at 12pm ET](https://www.tpgi.com/webinar-march-2-at-12pm-et-mobile-accessibility-testing-toolbox/)
* **Creating Accessible PowerPoints 2020 Essentials**(Austin, TX)– Offered [March 3](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/creating-accessible-powerpoint-presentations-virtual/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2022february18) and [April 5](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/creating-accessible-powerpoint-presentations-virtual-2/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2022february18)
* [World Information Architecture Day- A Connected World on Saturday, March 5, 2022](https://www.worldiaday.org/)
* [Accessible best practices for social media on March 9, 2022 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM CST](https://www.meetup.com/Cleveland-Accessibility-Meetup/events/283569074/)
* **Testing & Remediation Strategies for PDF Accessibility – The Basics**(Austin, TX) — Offered [March 10](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/testing-remediation-strategies-for-pdf-accessibility-basics-virtual-2/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2022february18) and [April 12](https://www.microassist.com/instructor-led-training/testing-remediation-strategies-for-pdf-accessibility-basics-virtual-3/?utm_source=AITN&utm_medium=Outlook&utm_campaign=2022february18)
* [ASU A11y Guild March 14, 2022 1 – 2 pm MT](https://accessibility.asu.edu/events/asu-a11y-guild-2)
* [Accessible Social Media 2.0 - March 15th, 2022 | 2:00 PM EDT - 3:30 PM EDT](https://adata.org/event/accessible-social-media-20)
* [Intersectional Accessibility – Time to Think about Difference- March 17 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm](https://www.fenews.co.uk/event/intersectional-accessibility-time-to-think-about-difference/)
* [Audio Description Institute (March 21-25, 2022, Monday through Friday- 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Eastern each day)](https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E144393&id=77)
* [National Federation of the Blind 2022 Jacobus tenBroek Disability Law Symposium "The Right of People with Disabilities to Live in a World of Pandemics, Political Polarization, and Natural Disasters”- March 24–25, 2022](https://nfb.org/civicrm/event/register?reset=1&id=476)
* [Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Special Interest Group on University and College Computing Services (SIGUCCS) Conference March 27-30, 2022](https://siguccs.org/Conference/2022/)
* [Creative Accessibility- March 28, 2022 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM CDT](https://www.meetup.com/Accessibility-Twin-Cities/events/282508560/)
* [Born Accessible- March 31, 2022 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM CDT](https://www.meetup.com/A11YCollective/events/283188672/)
* [Accessibility In Modern Applications - March 31, 2022](https://smashingconf.com/sf-2022/workshops/marcy-sutton/)
* [10 Best Practices for XR Accessibility- April 7, 2022 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM  EST](https://www.accessibilityassociation.org/s/webinar-details?id=a0A3p0000183edNEAQ)
* [StrategicA11y - Virtual Strategic Web Accessibility Workshop April 12-14, 2022](https://webaim.org/training/strategica11y/)
* [Testing for Digital Accessibility- April 14, 2022, 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm EDT](https://accessibility.huit.harvard.edu/event/testing-digital-accessibility-041422)
* [WebAIM Online Zoom Accessibility Workshop on April 19 at 12–3pm Eastern (9am–12pm Pacific)](https://webaim.org/training/zoom/)
* [Before You Spend Another Penny: Bake Accessibility into Your Procurement Process- April 26, 2022](https://www.accessibility.com/event/2022/before-you-spend-another-penny-bake-accessibility-into-your-procurement-process)
* [Web Accessibility Techniques and Testing- May 3rd – 25th, 2022 12:00 am CDT](https://events.humanitix.com/web-accessibility-techniques-and-testing-virtual-may-vision-australia-2022)
* [Accessibility at Scale: Maturing Accessibility in a Large Health Care Organization- May 4, 2022 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM  EST](https://www.accessibilityassociation.org/s/webinar-details?id=a0A3p0000183ee6EAA)
* [Accessible Educational Materials (AEM) Café Monthly Series- February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, and June 2, 2022 4:00 – 5:00 pm ET](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYuc-2qrjooHNPMrnpxX8ygErTXx8RYKmuk)
* [11th Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD) May 19, 2022](https://globalaccessibilityawarenessday.org/)
* [Pitfalls of Machine Generated PDFs- June 9, 2022](https://www.accessibilityassociation.org/s/webinar-details?id=a0A3p0000183egREAQ)
* [Developing Industry Consensus Standards for Accessibility Reporting- Live Broadcast Date: Wednesday, July 27, 2022, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM  EST](https://www.accessibilityassociation.org/s/webinar-details?id=a0A3p0000183eiXEAQ)

**Accessibility Conferences**

* [ConFoo - Montreal, QC](https://confoo.ca/en/2022)

**Date:** February 23-25, 2022

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

**Date:** February 12-18, 2022

* [37th Annual CSUN Assistive Technology Conference- Anaheim Marriott](https://www.csun.edu/cod/conference/sessions/)

**Date:** March 12-18, 2022

* [SXSW 2022- Austin, TX](https://www.sxsw.com/conference/)

**Date:** March 11-20, 2021

* [SXSW Conference & Festivals- Austin, TX hybrid event (in-person with online viewing and participation options)](https://www.sxsw.com/)

**Date:** March 11-20, 2022

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

**Date:** March 14-25, 2022

* [Deque’s Axe-Con 2022](https://www.deque.com/axe-con/)

**Date:** March 15-17, 2022

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

**Date**: March 19-23, 2022

* [Audio Description Institute](https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E144393&id=77)

**Date:** March 21-25, 2022- (Monday through Friday- 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Eastern each day)

* [SmashingConf- San Francisco, CA](https://smashingconf.com/sf-2022)

**Date:** March 28-31, 2022

* [Media Age of Digital Inclusion- Online and Boston, MA](https://www.3playmedia.com/access/)

**Date:** March 29, 2022

* [ACCESS 2022 - Age of Digital Inclusion- Online](https://www.3playmedia.com/access/)

**Date:** March 29-April 1, 2022

* [University of Illinois Web Con 2022- Champaign, IL & Online](https://webcon.illinois.edu/)

**Date:** April 6-8, 2022.

* [DevNexus - Atlanta, GA](https://devnexus.com/)

**Date:** April 11-13, 2022

* [An Event Apart- Seattle, WA](https://aneventapart.com/event/seattle-2022)

**Date:** April 18-20, 2022

* [DrupalCon- Portland, OR](https://events.drupal.org/portland2022)

**Date:** April 25-28, 2022.

* [The ACM Web Conference 2022- Lyon, France](https://www2022.thewebconf.org/)

**Date:** April 25-29, 2022

* [DrupalCon - Portland, OR](https://events.drupal.org/portland2022)

**Date:** April 25-28, 2022

* [The 19th International Web for All Conference (W4A’22)- in Lyon, France as a hybrid event](http://www.w4a.info/2022/)

**Date:** April 25-26, 2022

* [AccessU 2022](https://knowbility.org/programs/accessu-2022)

**Date:** May 9-12, 2022

* [Confab- Minneapolis, MN](https://www.confabevents.com/)

**Date:** May 9-12, 2022.

* [National ADA Symposium- Online](http://www.adasymposium.org/)

**Date:** May 9-12, 2022.

* [ICT Accessibility Testing Symposium- Baltimore, MD](https://www.ictaccessibilitytesting.org/)

**Date:** May 18 & 19, 2022

* [Expo + Accesible- Virtual Fair](https://expoaccesible.vive4all.com/)

**Date:** May 19-20, 2021

* [Global Accessibility Awareness Day](https://globalaccessibilityawarenessday.org/)

**Date:** May 20, 2022

* [HOW Design Live- Boston, MA](https://howdesignlive.com/)

**Date:** May 22-24, 2022

* [Web Accessibility Techniques and Testing- Online](https://events.humanitix.com/web-accessibility-techniques-and-testing-virtual-june-vision-australia-2022)

**Date:** May 31-June 22, 2022

* [CSS Day 2022- Compagnietheater, Amsterdam](https://cssday.nl/2022)

**Date:** June 9-10, 2022

* [SHRM 22 - New Orleans, LA](https://annual.shrm.org/)

**Date:** June 12-15, 2022

* [UXPA 2022 Conference- San Diego, CA](https://uxpa2022.org/)

**Date:** June 21-23, 2022

* [HCI International 2022- Gothenburg, Sweden](https://2022.hci.international/)

**Date:** June 26-July 1, 2022

* [Joint International Conference on Digital Inclusion, Assistive Technology & Accessibility - Lecco, Italy](https://icchp-aaate.org/)

**Date:** July 11 - 15, 2022

* [Joint International Conference on Digital Inclusion, Assistive Technology & Accessibility - ICCHP-AAATE 2022, Lecco, Italy](https://www.icchp-aaate.org/)

**Date:** July 11 - 15, 2022

* [Inclusive Design 24 (#id24)](https://inclusivedesign24.org/2022/)

**Date:** September 22, 2021

**Accessibility Employment Resources**

* [Upwork](https://www.upwork.com/)
* [SideHusl](https://sidehusl.com/)
* [Inclusively](https://inclusively.com/)
* [A11YJOBS](https://www.a11yjobs.com/)
* [Ability Jobs](https://abilityjobs.com/)
* [WIRED Hired](https://jobs.wired.co.uk/)
* [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)
* [SSI Youth Solutions](https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/program-areas/individuals/youth/ssi-youth)
* [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=)
* [PEAT Future of Work Newsletter](https://peatworks.org/enews/)
* [Job Accommodation Network- JAN](https://askjan.org/index.cfm)
* [7 Best Job Posting Sites for Employers](https://money.com/best-job-posting-sites-for-employers/)
* [Partnership on Inclusive Apprenticeship](https://inclusiveapprenticeship.org/)
* [National Industry Liaison Group (NILG)](https://www.nationalilg.org/about-the-nilg/)
* [Workforce Recruitment Program (WRP)](https://www.wrp.gov/wrp?id=wrp_home)
* [National Organization on Disability (NOD)](https://www.nod.org/)
* [American Council of the Blind Job Connection](https://acb.org/jobs#MembershipServices-Admin)
* [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)
* [Workforce Recruitment Program College Registration](https://www.wrp.gov/wrp?id=school_coordinator_landing_page&utm)
* [Federal Exchange on Employment & Disability (FEED)](https://askearn.org/topics/federal-state-government-employment/federal-government-employment/federal-exchange-employment-disability-feed/)
* [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)
* [Employer Assistance and Resource Network on Disability Inclusion (EARN)](https://askearn.org/)
* [Tips and Tricks for Landing a Job in the Federal Government- ATD](https://www.td.org/atd-blog/tips-and-tricks-for-landing-a-job-in-the-federal-government)
* [Government maps out accessibility career path for digital and data profession - Civil Service World](https://www.civilserviceworld.com/professions/article/digital-and-data-profession-maps-out-accessibility-career-path)

**Accessibility Employment Opportunities**

* [Senior Accessibility Specialist - UKG](https://careers.ukg.com/careers/JobDetail/Senior-Accessibility-Specialist/36569)
* [Senior Accessibility Specialist - Truist](https://bbt.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/Careers/job/Charlotte-NC/Senior-Accessibility-Specialist_R0053783)
* [Web Accessibility Engineer - Civic Actions](https://civicactions.applytojob.com/apply/cJHzsabobe/Web-Accessibility-Engineer)
* [Digital Accessibility Lead - New South Wales](https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/2915370413/)
* [Accessibility Innovation Strategist - Microsoft](https://careers.microsoft.com/us/en/job/1258838/Accessibility-Innovation-Strategist)
* [Accessibility Specialist, AWS Accessibility - AWS](https://www.amazon.jobs/en-gb/jobs/1856623/accessibility-specialist-aws-accessibility?no_int_redir=1)
* [Senior Software Engineer, Accessibility - GitHub](https://boards.greenhouse.io/github/jobs/3802138)
* [Accessibility Wearables Engineering Manager - Apple](https://jobs.apple.com/en-us/details/200343390/accessibility-wearables-engineering-manager?team=SFTWR)
* [Accessibility Program Manager, AWS Accessibility - AWS](https://www.amazon.jobs/en-gb/jobs/1924580/accessibility-program-manager-aws-accessibility?no_int_redir=1)
* [Manager - Product Management, Digital Accessibility - Capital One](https://www.capitalonecareers.com/job/-/-/1732/23354289184)
* [Job Application for Senior Software Engineer, Accessibility- GitHub](https://boards.greenhouse.io/github/jobs/3802138)

**Accessibility Announcements & Products**

* [9 books with deaf characters for kids and adults](https://bookriot.com/books-with-deaf-characters/)
* [Global Disability Summit demands health equity](https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-022-00405-y)
* [7 mobility aids that will support your foot care needs](https://disabilityhorizons.com/2022/02/7-mobility-aids-that-will-support-your-foot-care-needs)
* [Community Center accessibility project ready for bid](https://www.stwnewspress.com/news/community-center-accessibility-project-ready-for-bid/article_d8cdbe5a-8aea-11ec-a688-5ffd18ad2173.html)
* [Owensboro weighing options to improve accessibility](https://www.messenger-inquirer.com/news/city-weighing-options-to-improve-accessibility/article_0bac12fc-5ff1-501f-9aa6-55f672df0ed1.html)
* [UserWay Appoints Adam Ikar as Chief Strategy Officer](https://www.prnewswire.com/il/news-releases/userway-appoints-adam-ikar-as-chief-strategy-officer-301483442.html)
* [VSP Eyes of Hope and Prevent Blindness Renew Partnership](https://invisionmag.com/vsp-eyes-of-hope-prevent-blindness-renew-longstanding-partnership/)
* [Kiosk Association Releases Articles of Organization for ADA](https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/kiosk-association-releases-articles-of-organization-for-ada-301485082.html)
* [Toronto Blue Jays Baseball Academy Diversity Equity Inclusion](https://www.mlb.com/bluejays/community/baseball-academy/diversity-equity-inclusion)
* [FCC Seeks Comment on NexTalk’s Application to Provide IP CTS](https://www.fcc.gov/document/seeks-comment-nextalk-application-provide-ip-cts)
* [Access Ready Successfully Challenging the State Board of Elections](https://www.wfmz.com/news/pr_newswire/pr_newswire_business/access-ready-successfully-challenging-the-state-board-of-elections/article_5c79663e-079a-5381-b1d6-36613ab5afbd.html)
* [Cerner teams up with Social Security Administration on disability benefits](https://www.healthcareitnews.com/news/cerner-teams-social-security-administration-disability-benefits)
* [Goa ramps up poll infra, 8 booths to be managed by people with disabilities](https://bbg.life/index.php/2022/02/12/goa-ramps-up-poll-infra-8-booths-to-be-managed-by-people-with-disabilities-india-news-times-of-india/)
* [Sooke Potholes receives $350,000 upgrade, boosting accessibility + signage](https://www.sookenewsmirror.com/travel/sooke-potholes-receives-350000-upgrade-boosting-accessibility-signage/)
* [New app seeks to identify, solve accessibility barriers at public sites in Laval](https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/laval-accessibility-app-1.6348086)
* [El Paso Museum of History celebrates interactive digital wall with multiple events](https://kfoxtv.com/news/local/el-paso-museum-of-history-celebrates-interactive-digital-wall-with-multiple-events)
* [Allen’s Bethany Lakes Park to get $220K in upgrades for accessibility, inclusivity](https://www.dallasnews.com/news/healthy-living/2022/02/16/allens-bethany-lakes-park-to-get-220k-in-upgrades-for-accessibility-inclusivity/)
* [EnChroma Glasses That Help People with Color Blindness Now Offered at Best Buy](https://www.pr.com/press-release/855194)
* [Oklahoma No. 1 in nation for veterans to receive service-connected disability benefits](https://www.google.com/search?q=disability&tbs=qdr:d&tbm=nws&ei=N-wOYo7HFcewqtsPspShiAI&start=10&sa=N&ved=2ahUKEwjOvv6eg4j2AhVHmGoFHTJKCCEQ8NMDegQIARBK&biw=1536&bih=722&dpr=1.25)
* [Accessible Aden project gets underway thanks to Rural Tourism Infrastructure funding](https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/apps/news/release.aspx?newsid=8453)
* [FCC Invites Public Comment in the Preparation of the CVAA Biennial Report to Congress](https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-seeks-comment-accessibility-communications-technology-1)
* [New Study of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Released by Reliance Standard & Matrix](https://www.valdostadailytimes.com/news/business/new-study-of-the-americans-with-disabilities-act-ada-released-by-reliance-standard-matrix/article_8d732ff0-2e48-5711-b7dd-90ec5cfeb949.html)
* [Celebration Cinema to offer open captioned screenings, increase accessibility for deaf and hard of hearing](https://www.wzzm13.com/article/news/celebration-cinema-to-offer-open-captioned-screenings-increase-accessibility-for-deaf-and-hard-of-hearing/69-f7be25a9-958a-491f-ab58-2e1f1cebfe68)
* [The Queensland Cabinet Minister for Transport and Main Roads- Major Station Accessibility Upgrade designs are leased for public comment](https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/94445)
* [Joint statement by the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion and Canada Employment Insurance Commission Commissioners](https://finance.yahoo.com/news/joint-statement-minister-employment-workforce-193600775.html)

**Accessibility Forums, Tips, & Gaming**

* [Accessibility Skills Guide](https://www.ucc.ie/en/inclusive/empowering-learners/accessibility-skills/)
* [Accessibility Annotation Library](https://www.figma.com/community/file/976946194228458698)
* [Using the language attribute to make your website accessible](https://www.craigabbott.co.uk/blog/using-the-language-attribute-to-make-your-website-accessible)
* [Free Accessibility Linter’s to Automate Accessibility Workflow](https://www.digitala11y.com/free-accessibility-linters-to-automate-accessibility-workflow/)
* [accessibility and ease at the heart of the next update? News @VGR](https://videogamesrepublic.com/accessibility-and-ease-at-the-heart-of-the-next-update-news-vgr/)
* [‘Sifu’ will soon have difficulty modes and other accessibility features](https://www.nme.com/news/gaming-news/sifu-will-soon-have-difficulty-modes-and-other-accessibility-features-3160093)
* [GAMINGPS5 Beta Gets New Party Chat Options; Voice Commands, Accessibility Improvements Added](https://www.techzimo.com/ps5-beta-gets-new-party-chat-options-voice-commands-accessibility-improvements-added/)
* [Nominees For The 2021 Video Game Accessibility Awards Include Halo Infinite, It Takes Two, And Unpacking](https://www.thegamer.com/accessibility-awards-2021-nominees-halo-it-takes-two-unpacking/)
* [Second Annual Accessibility Award Nominees Celebrate Far Cry 6, It Takes Two, Halo Infinite, and Many More](https://www.ign.com/articles/accessibility-award-nominees-far-cry-6-it-takes-two-halo-infinite)
* [Horizon Forbidden West Accessibility Options Include Five Difficulty Settings, Easy Loot, Co-Pilot System, and More](https://gamingbolt.com/horizon-forbidden-west-accessibility-options-include-five-difficulty-settings-easy-loot-co-pilot-system-and-more)

| **Accessibility Statements** |
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| [Kaplan](https://kaplan.com/accessibility-statement/) |
| [RaYDaR](https://help.figshare.com/article/accessibility-statement-for-raydar) |
| [94.3 The Point](https://943thepoint.com/digital-accessibility-statement/) |
| [Purdue University](https://www.purdue.edu/accessibilityresources/) |
| [Textiles Committee](https://textilescommittee.nic.in/accessibility-options) |
| [AccessAbility Officer](https://accessabilityofficer.com/accessibility-statement/) |
| [Brentford Football Club](https://www.brentfordfc.com/fans-and-community/access-statement/) |
| [Environment and Resources Authority (ERA)](https://era.org.mt/accessibility-statement/) |
| [Office of Undergraduate Research at Cornell University](https://undergraduateresearch.cornell.edu/web-accessibility/) |
| [National Association for College Admission Counseling](https://www.nacacnet.org/professional-development/guiding-the-way-to-inclusion/accessibility/) |
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