May 30 to June 5, 2021

National AccessAbility Week

There are more than 5.3 million Canadians, almost 16% of the population, that are living with some form of disability that affects their level of freedom, independence or quality of life. While several provinces have enacted accessibility legislation, and others are in the process of developing one, we need to all continue our work to make our communities and workplaces inclusive of everyone.

Your challenge this week:

1. What is one barrier you can remove in your built environment?
2. What is one barrier you can prevent in your workplace?
3. What is one barrier you can reduce in your community?

We have some great resources on our website to give you suggestions on what you can do.

In the News

Youth with Disabilities Speak Up

Join the Government of Canada this Thursday on Facebook Live for a virtual town hall during National #AccessAbility Week for youth with disabilities to discuss inclusion in communities across Canada.

When: June 3, 12:45 pm EDT

How to Participate: https://www.facebook.com/AccessibleGC

New Funding Announced

The Government of Canada announced that on June 4th, two streams of the EnAbling Accessibility Fund will open: 1) Mid-sized projects and 2) Youth Innovation.

The Mid-sized projects component provides contributions of up to $1 million to support larger retrofit, renovation or construction projects in facilities that house programs and services that help increase social participation and labour market opportunities for persons with disabilities in Canada. The Youth Innovation component seeks to engage and challenge youth between 15 and 30 years of age, to volunteer and collaborate with local organizations in their communities to secure funding of up to $10,000 for accessibility projects.

More information will be available on June 4 at Funding - Canada.ca.
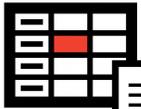
Web Accessibility Courses

Strategies for Website Accessibility

A technical explanation of how to create accessible website content. (July 19)

New in Website Accessibility

Review of changes to WCAG, including 2.1 and beyond. (July 13)

Auditing Your Website for Accessibility

Learn how to audit your website for accessibility and compliance with WCAG 2.0. (July 26)

Understanding Mobile Accessibility

Introduction to mobile accessibility - software, hardware, relevant WCAG 2.1 criteria, and more (July 27)

Accessibility Compliance 101

Webinar

Do you need a refresher on the AODA? Not sure what you organization needs to do to be compliant with the legislation?

We have created an in-depth virtual training for staff who are responsible for their organization's AODA implementation and compliance, and for those who want to know more.

We will review the legislation, discuss in detail your legal requirements, provide you with a curated list of recommended resources, and share tips and best practices for ensuring your organization's successful compliance.

Remember: If your organization has 20+ employees, your AODA compliance report is due no later than June 30th**.**

Accessibility Compliance 101 (June 17th)

Description and Registration.

Document Accessibility Training

Accessible Excel Documents
June 21 @ 1pm - 2pm ET

Checking PDF Accessibility
June 24 @ 1pm - 2pm ET

Formatting Tables for Accessibility
June 24 @ 3pm - 4pm ET

Accessible InDesign Templates
June 28 @ 1pm - 2pm ET

Submit your event to the **Accessibility Calendar!**

Accessibility Tools & Support

Website Accessibility Audit

Do you need to identify the accessibility issues on your website and get instructions on how to fix them? We can help!

Checking for Colour Contrast

A free webinar on how to ensure your documents and website have colours that are accessible to people with visual impairments.

AODA Training

More and more organizations are having their staff take our AODA online training course annually so as to provide a refresher on the law and on accessibility best practices.

Accessibility + Digital Inclusion

Free infographic with statistics on consumer spending, internet and mobile use, and the business benefits of inclusion.

On-Demand Webinars

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