

Episode 2: Myth: Accessibility is optional

Overview: Accessibility is about making information, resources, activities, and environments, well, accessible. That means that everyone should be able to engage with these things with minimal effort and as meaningfully as possible. Countries around the world including Canada and the US have adopted accessibility laws, but there's still a huge disconnect between how important this issue is and how much attention it receives. Many people don't think about accessibility at all. Or if they do, they think of it as a nice-to-have that's kind of optional or that's it's just about accommodations and modification to physical space. This episode busts the myth that accessibility is optional.

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Resources:

1. Inclusive Design Research Centre: <https://idrc.ocadu.ca/>
2. Gender Analytics: Gender Equity Through Inclusive Innovations: <https://www.gendereconomy.org/genderanalytics/>
3. Overview of the Accessible Canada Act: <https://www.accessibilitychrc.ca/en/overview-accessible-canada-act>
4. Overview of the Americans with Disabilities Act: <https://www.ada.gov/>