



Looking Forward

Building Change That Will Last



TechConnect 2016, Thursday, March 24

- Theme: **Future-Proofing**
- Our Accessibility Session
 - *Title:* Creating an Institutional Roadmap for Improving IT Accessibility
 - *Description:* Campus-based technology should be accessible for students, faculty, and staff with disabilities, as required by law. Improving digital accessibility is a long-term process, involving many stakeholders. In this session, you and other attendees will map impediments to creating inclusive UW IT, share your experiences in trying to deal with them, and then sketch out an institutional roadmap for going forward.
- <http://depts.washington.edu/learnit/techconnect/conference/>

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What we need

- People who can speak about their work
- Small group discussion leaders
- Notetakers



What Is AccessibleWeb@U?

A Community of Practice

- An informal group meeting monthly since 2003
- Assets
 - A Mailman email list with 239 members
 - A reservation for the Allen Auditorium on the fourth Thursday of each month, except November and December
 - A simple blog at <http://accesswebu.blogspot.com/>
- Focus on creating accessible websites and apps as part of routine development, management, and maintenance
- Played a role in creating the UW's "Accessible Technology at the UW" website: <http://www.washington.edu/accessibility/>

What Should AccessibleWeb@U Be?



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Ideas From the Survey

- Sessions relevant and useful
- Good mix of topics and speakers
- Want more on the topic of accessible templates
- Should provide basic technical training on topics like creating accessible PDFs
- Need to come up with ways to educate others on the need for accessible design
- Need to reach a larger audience

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Strong Interest Topics

- Creating accessible websites
- Authoring accessible documents
- Captioning videos
- Opportunities to meet with peers doing similar work
- Opportunities to get involved with efforts to improve accessibility
- Accessible technology programs at other universities
- Accessible UW templates and themes for WordPress and Drupal

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Discussion

Basic Questions

- Who facilitates AccessibleWeb@U activities?
- What should we focus on?
- What activities would be most effective?