

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

ICT4IAL International Conference, Riga, 26–28 May 2015

11.00 – 13.15 Session 1: Basic Workshops

Accessibility of Texts

Workshop Leader(s): Klára Somogyi, Marcella Turner-Cmuchal, Áine Wynne (European Agency for Special Needs and Inclusive Education)

Abstract:

This workshop will provide a basic overview of text accessibility. Specifically, it will focus on accessibility in electronic Microsoft Word and PDF documents. This includes the issues of document structure, styles, headings, images and tables. The Agency will demonstrate the steps taken to make one of its own publications more accessible. Participants are encouraged to bring their own electronic documents, as they will have the opportunity to apply the techniques to their own materials.

Accessibility of Audio and Video

Workshop Leader(s): Roger Blamire (European Schoolnet), Ida Brandao (Directorate General of Education, Portugal), Katja Engelhardt (European Schoolnet)

Abstract:

Making audio and video accessible will be the focus of this workshop.

Practical examples will be used to demonstrate easy and cost efficient tools and services for transcripts and captions/sub-titles as well as hosting. Participants will be invited to use their own laptops or bring their own audio recordings or videos to try out the suggested steps with their own material.

Accessibility of Websites

Workshop Leader(s): David Sabaté (TothomWeb)

Abstract:

Although creation of websites is one area of information provision which is often outsourced, accessibility should always be requested and ensured. Within this workshop participants will receive:

- general recommendations they can apply themselves to ensure the accessibility of all information shared via their websites
- steps for web owners to take to ensure their web developers adhere to accessible standards.

Participants will have the opportunity to take a look at their own websites and test accessibility.

14.30 – 15.30 Session 2: Advanced Workshops

eBooks

Workshop Leader(s): Bernhard Heinser (DAISY Consortium), Jan Rottier (Eureka Die-'s-lekti-kus)

Abstract:

This workshop will first highlight the very concrete challenges for learners, teachers and other stakeholders in the educational environment when producing, distributing, and reading accessible material and then specifically investigate the potential of eBooks.

Online Education

Workshop Leader(s): Isabelle Turmaine (International Association of Universities)

Abstract:

This workshop will focus on how higher education institutions can use the Guidelines to produce e-accessible online courses. Participants will receive an insight into the process involved. This workshop will also discuss the importance of and address the need for the implementation of a culture of e-accessibility at higher education institutions. It will work with the participants on ways and means to be put in place to promote this culture at student, faculty, librarian, administrative staff levels.

Advocating Accessibility

Workshop Leader(s): Irmgarda Kasinskaite-Buddeberg (UNESCO), Licia Sbattella (Global Initiative of Inclusive ICTs)

Abstract:

Access to information is one of the key human rights promoted by various stakeholders at international, regional, national and community levels. Within this workshop participants will receive a short overview of some leading advocacy actions on the promotion of accessibility for persons with disabilities using inclusive ICTs. The panellists will share concrete examples of large-scale advocacy actions and immediate outcomes, development of inclusive policies, and evaluation of the impact of information accessibility on integrated educational and professional contexts. In addition, it will be highlighted how participants themselves can engage and raise awareness for the issue of accessible information in their immediate work environment.