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Increased Audience via Digital Accessibility

Immediate action steps for inclusivity

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4. Mission Statement

Disability Network Eastern Michigan is committed to promoting inclusion for all by breaking down barriers and opening paths towards independence and personal choice through resources, advocacy, information, support and education.



5. Independent Living Philosophy

People with disabilities should have the same civil rights, options, and control over choices in their own lives as do people without disabilities.



6. Poll

- 1. Do you use alt text for digital media/docs?
- 2. Is your website accessible/WCAG compliant?
- 3. Are you producing accessible documents?
- 4. Can everyone understand your hashtags?
- 5. Do you shrink URLs with shortener services?
- 6. Are your videos accessible to all?



7. Accessibility Legal Precedent

- ADA application to websites and digital technology
- Key legal topics
 - What standard applies
 - Telephone access as an alternative
 - Overlays
 - Third-party, hosted and controlled content
 - Other technologies
- Title I
- Rehabilitation Act
- Technical Standards and Resources



8. Defining Accessibility

- No ADA regulations; WCAG is considered industry standard
- Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)
 - Developed by Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI) of the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)
 - Contain 12 guidelines for web access
 - Has three levels of success criteria, A, AA, AAA
 - WCAG 2.0: Updated in Dec 2008
 - WCAG 2.1: Updated in June 2018
 - WCAG 2.2: Expected out in 2022
- WCAG 2.0 is incorporated into other federal standards
 Section 508 (federal agencies)
- Air Carrier Access Act (primary website of airlines)

9. Today's Objectives

- 1. Alt text for images
- 2. Digital document accessibility
- 3. Accessibility overlays
- 4. #RecognizableHashtags
- 5. Emoji confusion
- 6. URL shorteners
- 7. Accessible videos



10. Inclusivity



11. Alt Text for Images

- Increases exposure to the more than 9% of Michigan residents who rely on assistive technology to access digital and social media
- Use clear images vs lengthy text
- WCAG = Website Content Accessibility Guidelines



12. Alt Text Required

- Websites
- Word documents
- Instagram: mobile device
- Constant Contact newsletters
- Facebook and LinkedIn: desktop demonstration
- PowerPoint: demonstration



13. Facebook Alt Text



14. LinkedIn Post

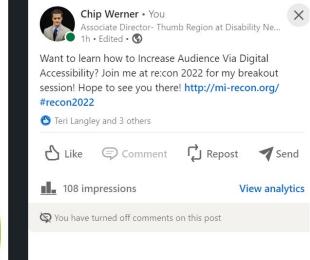
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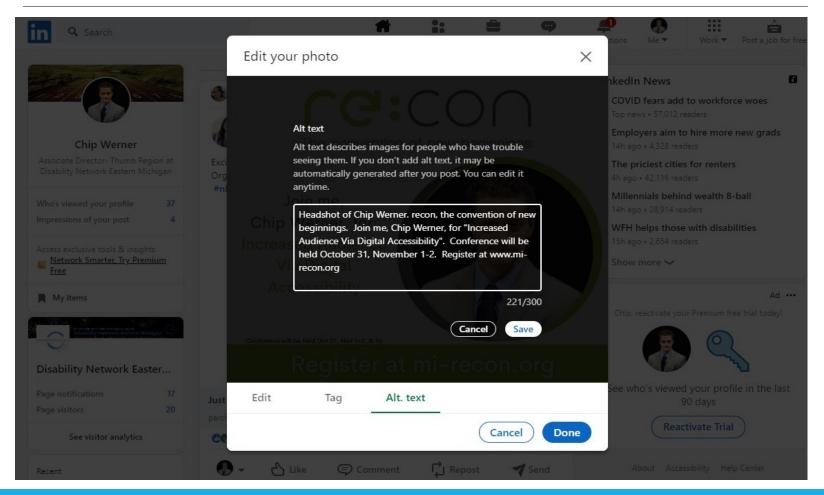


Conference will be held Oct 31, Nov 1-2, & 16

Register at mi-recon.org



15. LinkedIn Alt Text



16. Learn-By-Doing

- Snap a selfie
- Upload to social media
- Include alt text
- #recon2022



17. Document Images and Fonts

- Alt-text
- Images "In Line With Text"
- Font size 14 or greater
- Sans Serif fonts are ideal
 - Arial, Calibri, Futura, Helvetica, Open Sans
- No italics or fancy fonts
- Consider CamelCase rather than all caps

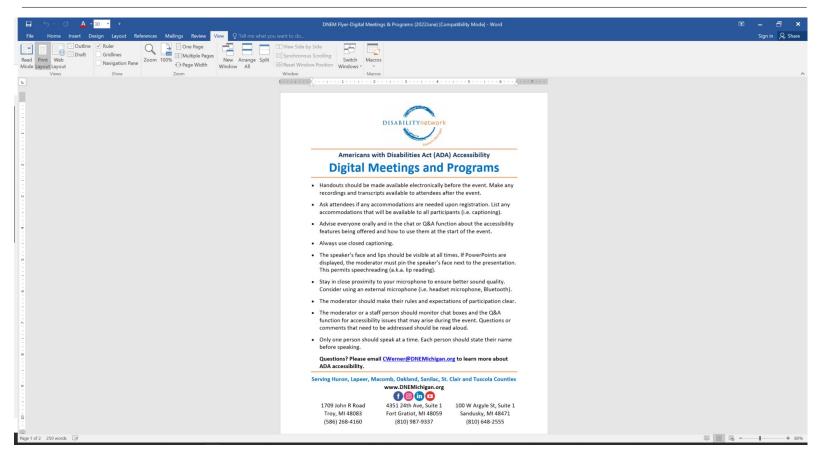


18. Digital Document Format

- Avoid busy backgrounds
- Consider contracts and colors
- Avoid WordArt
- No more than two (2) spaces, tabs, returns
 - Use breaks: page, continuous, columns
- Check Spelling AND Accessibility



19. Digital Document Example



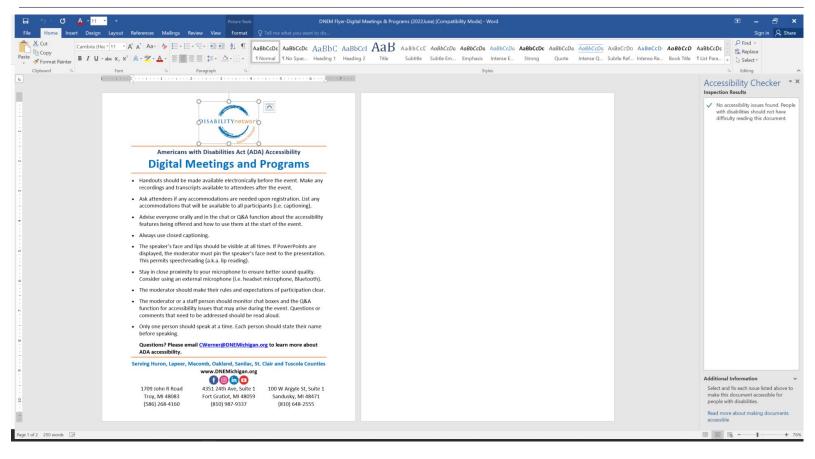
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 Digital Meetings and Programs 		
 Handouts should be made available electronically before the event. Make any recordings and transcripts available to attendees after the event. 		
 Ask attendees if any accommodations are needed upon registration. List any accommodations that will be available to all participants (i.e. captioning). 		
 Advise everyone or ally and in the chat or Q&A function about the accessibility features being offered and how to use them at the start of the event. 		
Always use closed captioning.		
 The speaker's face and lips should be visible at all times. If PowerPoints are displayed, the moderator must pin the speaker's face next to the presentation. This permits speechreading (a.k.a. lip reading). 		
 Stay in dose proximity to your microphone to ensure better sound quality. Consider using an external microphone (i.e. headset microphone, Bluetooth). 		
 The moderator should make their rules and expectations of participation clear. 		
 The moderator or a staff person should monitor chat boxes and the Q&A function for accessibility issues that may arise during the event. Questions or comments that need to be addressed should be read aloud. 		
 Only one person should speak at a time. Each person should state their name before speaking. 		
 Questions? Please email <u>CWerner@DNEMichigan.org</u> to learn more about ADA accessibility. 		
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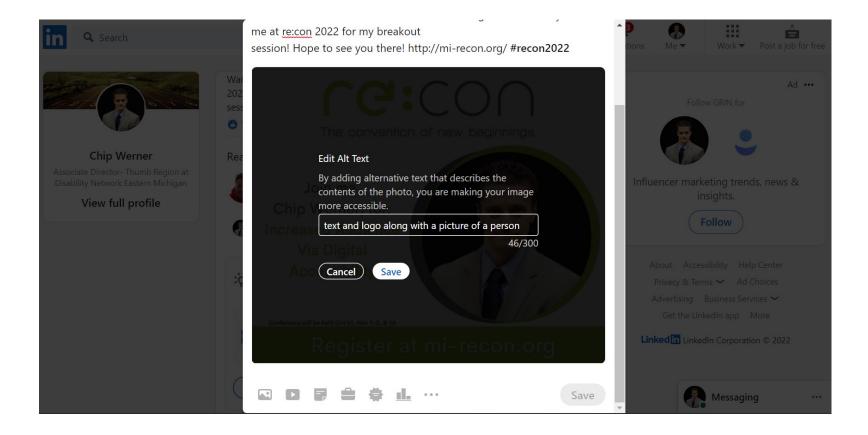


23. Web Overlays

- Tools that can **enhance** accessibility
- Does not **guarantee** accessibility
- Manual addition of alt text required
- Review of navigation required
- Should never relied upon as the lone source of compliance and accessibility.



24. AI Alt Text Example



25. #Recognizable

- #canyoureallyreadthismessage
- Using capitalization...aka CamelCase
 - #CanYouReallyReadThisMessage
- Is your message relevant to all audiences
- Use multiple tags to convey impact



26. Emoji Confusion

- Assistive technology is literal
- What it looks like vs what it really is
- Use to support not confuse
- Smiley face vs happy puppy



27. URL Shorteners

- Free services
- Reduces long and cluttered messages
- www.tinyurl.com
- www.bitly.com



28. Accessible Videos

- Closed Captions (CC) vs CART services
 - AI CC does not guarantee total accessibility
 - Communication Access Real-time Translation (CART)
 provides instantaneous translation by a trained
 writer or stenographer
- Audio description
 - Provides inclusive demonstration
 - Camtasia and YouTube CC



29. DNEM YouTube



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DNEM Vision

Together, the work that each one of us does helps towards our vision of being a community where those living with disabilities are empowered to pursue personal growth and choice through access to community resources and supportive services.



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