

LTA Connect session 'PDFs, Ally and Accessibility'

Time	Topic	What will be covered
13.00	Notes	Put the links below in the Teams chat column and get the staff to save as favourites and go to the sites as items discussed
13.00-13.05	Intro legislation and set context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislation is the 2018 'Public sector website and mobile application accessibility regulations'. Here is government guidance website The regs stem from the UK Equalities Act Guidance details come from WCAG 2.1 - part of the international body that agrees internet interoperability
13.05 – 13.10	UHI Accessibility project	<p>List what project is doing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UHI Policy The Brightspace Accessibility Support module Staff resources in Supportal and Brightspace UHI Accessibility communications site Accessibility Champions Ally introduction and support Teaching staff resources index Student accessibility forum Taking problems up to management <p>UHI Accessibility Standards</p>
13.10 – 13.15	Ally	<p>Ally:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ally alternative formats for staff and students Demonstrate Ally module report Demonstrate Ally item icons Demonstrate correction pages Explain what can and can't be done in Ally reports <p>https://staffresources.uhi.ac.uk/support_portal/resources/Ally_reporting_Guide.pdf</p>

<p>13.15 - 13.30</p>	<p>PDFs</p>	<p>Who has Adobe suite- Creative Cloud? Use this. If not can use draft PDF decision tree resource being developed https://showcase.uhi.ac.uk/previews/pdf-decision-tree/</p> <p>Scanned PDF- go through scanning remediation options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library link -HE resources • Library OCR scanner- FE or own generated resources • Re-do doc in Word • Difficult items like music, maths, complex diagrams: • Maths use Maths ML https://www.w3.org/Math/ • Music go RNIB music page https://www.rnib.org.uk/living-with-sight-loss/community-connection-and-wellbeing/leisure/music/ • Complex diagrams- very good long description <p>Ally will pick up a single scanned item within a PDF and classify whole PDF as scanned Ally integration with Bsp- not perfect & Ally not perfect</p> <p>Untagged PDF - PDF not tagged covered in page 18 of Ally resource:</p> <p>https://help.blackboard.com/sites/default/files/documents/2019-10/AdoptionToolkit_Learn.pdf</p> <p>Manually tagging in Word –</p> <p>https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/accessible-content/how-to-make-word-documents-accessible/convert-a-word-document-to-an-accessible-pdf</p> <p>Not perfect though, if converted back and tagged in Word and converting back to PDF- all tagging not always picked up by Ally- software limitations – Ally tool is an aid not a ‘solve everything for accessibility’</p> <p>Use little accessibility statement and try to replace item with something more suitable next year where not possible to make a resource accessible</p>
	<p>Questions</p>	<p>Few mins to answer questions.</p>