

Human Accessibility

Optimizing Reality - Now

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Where can I go now?

2012 - Both ankles broken - 4 months in wheelchair





Is There...

- Only one perfect life partner for everyone?
- Only one house for every need?
- Only one car for everyone?
- Only one insurance for every situation?



Or does accessibility change...

- From one disability to another
- From one mobility product to another
- With each personality
- With changing health capacities



What does being "Accessible" means?

That the location fits most of people' adaptation needs

What if it was about Diversity?

That accessibility meant one is able to find places that are accessible function or ITS needs and not others'?



Human Accessibility "Rules"

Real accessibility changes anytime

Depending on one single person, at one single moment

Real accessibility cannot be "boxed"

"Not Accessible – Partially Accessible – Accessible"
What accessible means for you is different than for me

We are way more "accessible" than we think

We just don't know how accessible we are, and for who...

We don't need to be "Fully Accessible" to be an inclusive society, we just have to know "What is" and Use it!

UA and HA – Power of Complementarity

Two Different Space-Time

Tonight 6:00

HA

- Makes available and public "What Is"
- Allow people to use their Free Will
- Optimize small location's accessibility where UA may hardly apply
- Optimize the use of the reality
- Makes a difference Today
- Optimal for aging and progressive capacities losses

UA

Educating Populations
Integrated within construction plans
Building Code
Employees and Politicians Training
Medium and Long Term Work
Easier to apply to malls and large buildings

Inclusive Society

Within 6 months, 1 year, 10 years

An Inclusive City would therefore be...

A <u>variety of locations</u>
with a <u>variety of accessibility levels</u>,
for a <u>variety of needs</u> and <u>personalities</u>.

An environment allowing the person to <u>choose</u> what <u>is accessible for her</u> and <u>her specific needs</u>.









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Inform	ations générales	
Adresse du lieu		
Nom		
Accès extérieur		=
Accès intérieur		
Catégorie		=
Catégorie (falcultatif)		=
Stationnement		
Place réservée		

Building that World All Together

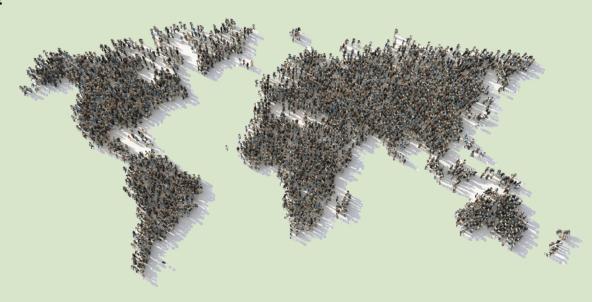
Each person is an expert of its own accessibility and therefore, can help and inform people with similar needs.

What if each person would share that knowledge so others may use?

"Washrooms are accessible but navigation area is small. May not work for motorized power wheelchairs" Stephanie



Social Evaluation



Human Accessibility

Because we are humans... before anything else

Let's be the change
Let's spread and share the information
Let's create all together a more inclusive world
Where people are able to choose what's good for them

So even if All locations may not be accessible for Everyone, Everyone may find accessible places for Them.





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