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Accessibility Accountability in a Post-Pandemic World

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Session Goals

What are the key points you will learn:

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a catalyst for change:

- **What were the barriers pre-pandemic?**
- **How have government agencies helped and hindered accessibility progress?**
- **How has the work and social transitions improved accessibility?**
- **What hurdles are still ahead?**

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COVID-19

Pre-
Pandemic
Barriers

- AIY Awareness
- Accessible Website
- Accessible Learning
- Accessible PDFs
- Live/Closed Captions

Accessibility

How have government agencies helped or hindered accessibility progress?

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Post-COVID

Government
Agency
Impact

HELPED

- COVID PSA Info
- Legislation: Section 508/AODA

HINDERED

- Removal of content
- On-demand accessibility

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Post-COVID

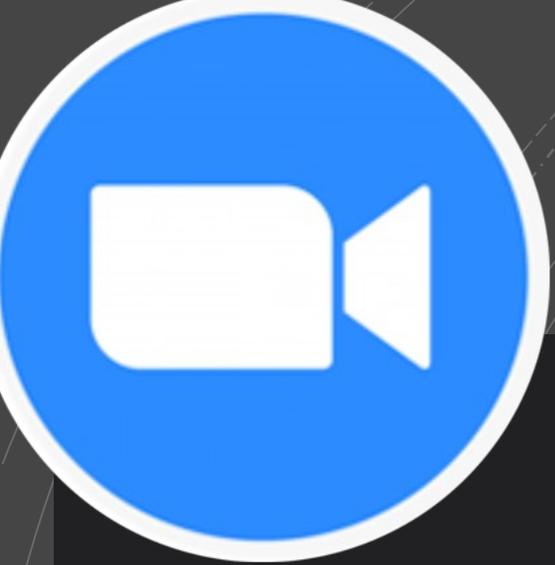
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Sector
Impact

HELPED

- Improvements in products based on client demand
- Increased Training/Awareness

HINDERED

- AI1Y Start-up Learning Curve
- Ineffective AI1Y Tools



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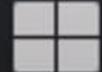

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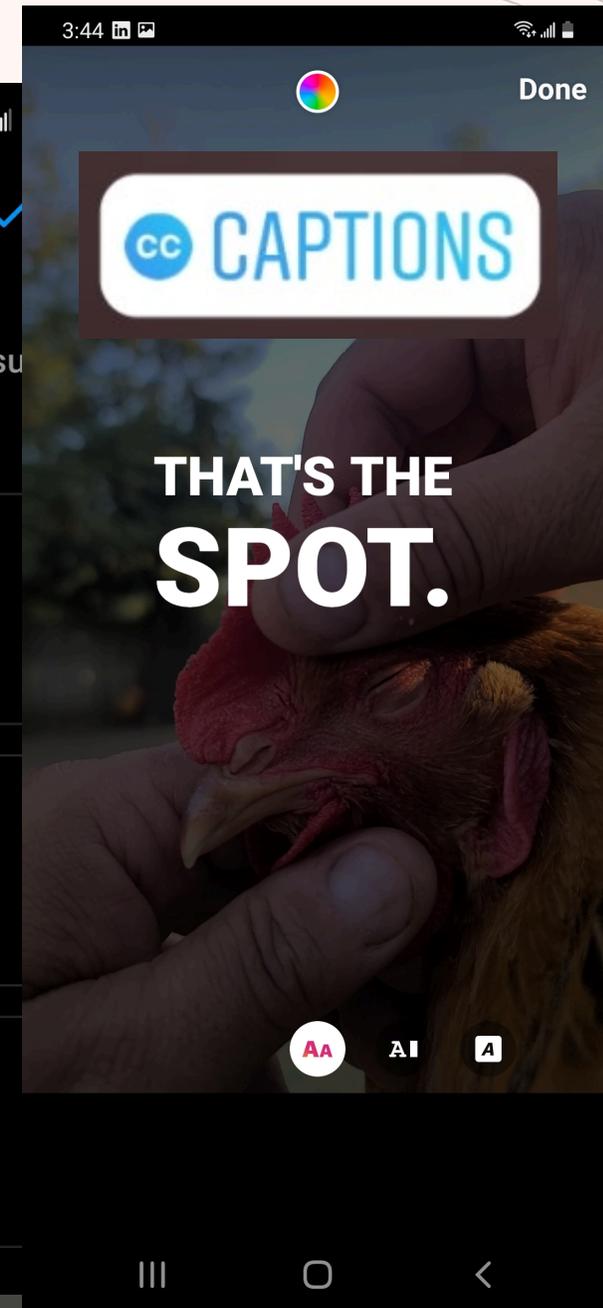
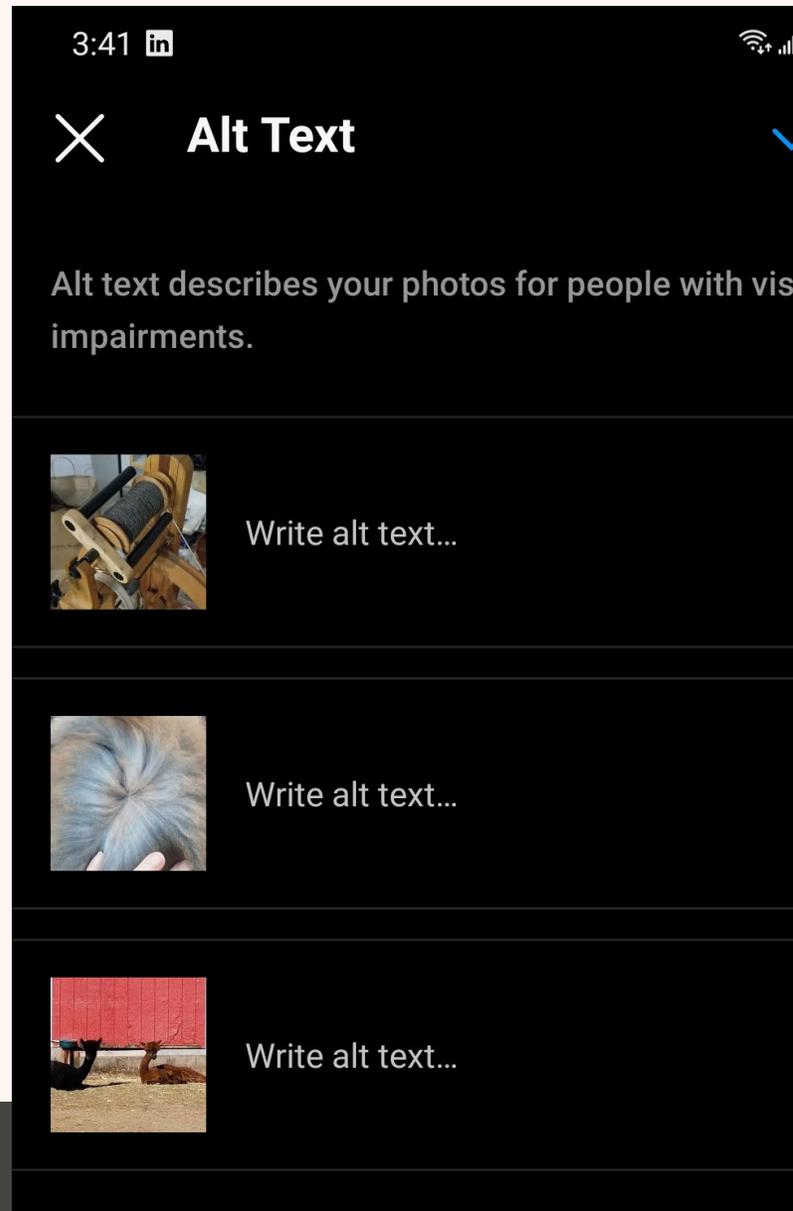
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Work Transition

1. Company responsibility to provide accessible work environment at home.
2. Review of remote tools
3. Document Accessibility Training
4. Acceptance of “Work at home”
5. Social Justice/Equality

Accessibility

**What are the
hurdles still
ahead?**

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Hurdles?

1. Improvement of current tools
2. Adoption of AI IY as inclusion and diversity
3. Digital Accessibility Training
4. Improvement of metrics
5. Accountability

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QUESTIONS?

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