Why Audio Description and What’s Next

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Overview

• What Audio Description (AD) Means for the Blind and Deaf-Blind Community

• Role of AD for Accessibility and Inclusion

• Latest in AD Research
AD and the Community

Blind and Deaf-Blind people are diverse.

- Degree of sensory loss
- When acquired
- Cultural and communication background

Need for accessible, inclusive and supportive environment.
Ensuring equitable access to public resources requires a holistic approach.

- Physical access
- Sensory access
- Cognitive engagement

Need to use a variety of tools.

- Tactile, interpreters, captioning, AD, etc.
HKNC Current Research

• Use research to support inclusion of Deaf-Blind people.
  • Awareness
  • Information
  • Mobility
  • Communication
AD Research Questions

• How can AD be integrated with innovative technologies such as haptics, GPS and smart devices?
• What role does AD play across the entire span of an event, place or activity?
• How do you audio describe the physical environment to enhance mobility and sense of place?
This has been a presentation by the Helen Keller National Center

We hope this information has been helpful.

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