

Hello Everyone,

My name is Mickayla Peters, and I'm keen to improve accessibility in the community, network with like-minded individuals, and learn more about other ways I can help. While I am not diagnosed with a disability, I have extensive experience in representing individuals who experience disabilities, as well as organizations who represent people who experience disabilities.

My interest in improving the accessibility of this community stems from my experiences with my own family members, many of whose lives have been affected by inaccessibility when entering and exiting buildings [REDACTED], seeking safe and calm spaces [REDACTED], and verbally and physically navigating new or unfamiliar areas [REDACTED].

Throughout my university education I served as a Residence Assistant, where I was routinely responsible for supporting students living in my area with everything from personal crisis to navigating the city of Halifax. For a short time, I developed and hosted a local radio show in Halifax, focusing on seeking out and interviewing those whose lives had been impacted positively or negatively by mental health and wellness, and who were now using their experiences to further themselves, their education, or their businesses.

For the past four years I have worked for Bridgeway Academy, a day school for children with ADHD and Learning Disabilities, developing educational programs and strategies to fit students' and parents' needs, and teaching literacy and other remedial courses. When preparing children for their futures, accessibility becomes a fundamental right in order to achieve a more understanding, compassionate, accepting society. For this reason I consistently ensure my students and their families are aware of all possible paid and free-of-cost services, community programs, extracurricular activities, and academic programs available to them before making decisions, because if people are not educated on the possibilities and resources available to them, they are absolutely less likely to use them.