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Accessibility Café - Ramping Up Stalled Action in Ontario on Disability Accessibility

Presented by: The Faculty of Law, and the Office of Human Rights, Equity and Accessibility, University of Windsor

When: Wednesday, March 3rd 2016, time 12pm-2pm

Where: Katzman Lounge, Vanier Hall, University of Windsor

Would you like to help over 1.8 million Ontarians with disabilities tear down the many accessibility barriers that impede them from getting full access to jobs, public transit, education and all that Ontario has to offer its residents? We encourage all to attend. This Café is open to the general public and all in the UWindsor community (students, staff, and faculty). We want you to come, whether you have a disability, or know someone who has a disability, or could get a disability later in life. That includes everyone!

Keynote Speaker:



[David Lepofsky](#), life-long disability rights advocate, blind lawyer, and chair of the non-partisan grassroots Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Alliance. He is also co-chair of Barrier-Free Canada, a non-partisan coalition now campaigning for the enactment of a *Canadians with Disabilities Act*. From 1994 to 2005, David Lepofsky led the fight to win the enactment of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)*. In the early 1980s, he took active part in successful campaigns to get disability equality included in the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and the *Ontario Human Rights Code*. He is now a visiting professor of legal ethics and public interest advocacy at Osgoode Hall Law School.

“It was through grassroots public forums and meetings like this that we won the enactment of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act in 2005, and it will be through these kinds of events, and the tenacious energy that bursts from them, that we will get Ontario back on schedule for full

accessibility,” says David Lepofsky. “Each person can help, and we’ll give you the action tips so you can quickly make a real difference.”

At the Accessibility Café you can:

- Learn what progress has been made in Ontario, and why Ontario is lagging behind schedule for reaching full accessibility by 2025, the deadline that Ontario law requires.
- Find out about the campaign for the *Canadians with Disabilities Act*, a national law which Canadians with disabilities were promised by the Federal Government.
- Explore the priorities for action on accessibility in the next months.
- Share your experience with accessibility barriers.
- Find out how you can get involved, and help the cause, while meeting others who are fired up about this important issue!

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