

ACCESSATHON



the third hackathon
on the topic of accessibility

- Call for Participation –
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1st – 3rd June 2018

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We hereby invite all interested parties, no matter the professional focus, with and without disabilities, to the third ACCESSATHON from 1st to 3rd June.

About the event

Since the summer semester 2017, an open hackathon on accessibility is being held regularly at Rhein-Waal University of Applied Sciences.

Under the codename ACCESSATHON (Accessibility + Hackathon), we work several days in a row to develop ideas and solutions that make life with a disability easier or more enjoyable.

The objectives of the event include developing innovative solutions using state-of-the-art technologies such as additive manufacturing (e.g. 3d printing), artificial intelligence or augmented reality. Precision tools (3d-scanners, lasercutter, CNC) and modern software are used to create concepts and prototypes that are as well thought out as possible in a very short time.

Another important goal is to bring together people with and without disabilities to communicate needs, and on the other hand, to increase awareness of the importance of accessibility in all areas of life.

The concept embraces interdisciplinarity. All participants are experts in their own way and can contribute their knowledge and skills, be it creativity, technology know-how or personal experience.

More than 15 great projects have been developed during the last two hackathons. In addition to extremely positive feedback from the participants and the audience, personal friendships and partnerships with similar projects in and outside the region were also created.

For the purpose of inclusion and dissemination of the results, most communication takes place in English.

How can I contribute?

Are you an expert, e.g. for a particular technology, or working on a project that could be of interest to the targeted audience? You are welcome to participate.

Your contribution ideally includes the following:

- A keynote speech (15 - 20 minutes) on Friday
- Supporting teams that want to work with the technology you've introduced over the weekend, or otherwise benefit from your expertise

Contact

We look forward to your e-mail at contact@accessathon.org

We need an abstract of your presentation and a photo that we can publish in the program on our website. Deadline for submissions is 20th May 2018.

The talks will take place on Friday afternoon, 1st June.

Unfortunately, our donation-dependent budget does not allow remuneration, but we gladly compensate your travel and accommodation expenses. Please also let us know if you have special needs.

Further Information

- Program and registration: <http://www.accessathon.org>
- Email: contact@accessathon.org
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