



# REPORT

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## Maccess Director

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TO: Members of the Executive Board  
FROM: Emunah Woolf  
SUBJECT: Maccess Report #7  
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### **Yearplan Update**

We have continued to loosely follow our Year Plan, as makes sense for our service. Most of our service this month has been focusing on planning Disability & Mad Pride Week and working on providing physical resources to community members.

### **Events, Projects, & Activities**

#### *General Service Usage*

Our Discord continued to be utilized until reading week, with between 0 and 5 community members active at any given time.

#### *Projects & Events: All Bodies Are Good Bodies (Upcoming)*

We are currently working on an event with SHEC. This will be an event to celebrate and empower all different kinds of bodies – including disabled, racialized, and other bodies.

#### *Projects & Events: In-Person Resources (Upcoming)*

We are working on offering in-person pick up and drop off of necessary resources such as clear masks, hand sanitizer, blue light glasses, ear plugs, and canes. This began as a response to the mandated return to campus and trying to mitigate risk for disabled community members. We will have a sign-up form for pick up and drop off and arrange an outdoor, masked, safe exchange between a volunteer and the community member in need.

#### *Projects & Events: Disability and Mad Pride Week (Upcoming)*

Our team is confirming our Disability and Mad Pride Week events to be held March 14-18.

The events are as follows:

<b>COLLAB</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>AUDIENCE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
The Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies	Climate Change, Environmental Activism, and Disability Justice	Open	With disabled people at the front lines of the climate crisis, policies frequently fail to evoke meaningful change. While climate plans are created, care for disabled folks is not adequately considered. Join Maccess and The Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies to better to better understand the impacts of climate change through the tenants of disability justice, in order to create sustainable movements that protect all people.
PCC Spectrum	Boundaries are Beautiful	Disabled and/or 2SLGBTQI A+	Join Maccess, the PCC, and Spectrum for a workshop focusing on building and establishing healthy boundaries to care for ourselves and others. While the event is about all kinds of boundary building we will have a special focus on setting boundaries in the context of COVID-19 and 2SLGBTQ+ identities.
Of Unsound Mind	Mad Pride 101  The Mad Lab	Open speaker  Mad/MI/ND discussion	For as long as the concept of madness has existed, individuals deemed mad or diagnosed with psychiatric disorders have sought ways to care for themselves outside of dominant medical or political spaces created for them. Join Maccess and Sasha Warren from Of Unsound Mind who will introduce some of these alternative spaces and practices along with the concepts and theories that animate them.  Maccess is on a mission during Disability & Mad Pride Week to fight for peace, justice, and equity. All individuals who identify as mad, mentally ill, neurodivergent, and/or having any sort of mental health concerns are invited to a discussion event where we search for solace, community, and discover the key to caring for one another through the many crises in the world. Come as you are in your rad mad scientist attire. We cannot wait to see you in the mad lab!
	Care Webs: Building Compassionate Support	Open	Join Maccess for a cozy social and ~light~ info session on how to create intentional support and care systems that work for you. Comfy clothes and warm drinks are encouraged!

RyeAccess (Ryerson), CDAC (Carleton), WUSA A&D (Waterloo)	University Disability Townhall  University Disability Social	Disabled	Join Maccess, RyeAccess, CDAC, and WUSA A&D for a cross-Ontario disabled student townhall. Through a moderated townhall-style discussion, we will share stories, collectivize disabled student wisdom, and give each other pointers on how we care for ourselves and disabled community on each of our campuses.  Join Maccess, RyeAccess, CDAC, and WUSA A&D for a cross-Ontario disabled student social! We will gather on zoom to play online games, build community, engage in self and community care, and get to know one another.
WGEN	Self-Care & Cinema	Open movie, disabled discussion	Join Maccess and WGEN for a cozy disability-centred movie night to watch the Fundamentals of Caring! This will be followed by a thought-provoking discussion about disabled representation in the media and accessible self-care. All are welcome to join for the movie, but the discussion will be closed to folks identifying as disabled*.
SHEC	Disabled People Fuck	Open	Join Maccess and SHEC for a video presentation by Crippling Up Sex with Eva on disability, sexuality and sex.
FCC	Accessible Cook-Along	Open	Afraid of sharp knives? Have trouble opening jars? Food is vital for self- and community-care but can pose accessibility barriers for many people. Join Maccess and FCC for a cook-along workshop focusing on tips and tricks for accessible cooking!
HESN DJNO	(Disability and Housing)	Open	Join Maccess, the Hamilton Encampment Support Network, and the Disability Justice Network of Ontario for a thought-provoking information session and panel about the impact of the Hamilton housing crisis and navigating the search for accessible housing as a disabled student. Adequate and safe housing is necessary for care and wellbeing – but how can we access it?
?	BIPOC Disability Circle	BIPOC and disabled	

	<b>MON 14</b>	<b>TUES 15</b>	<b>WED 16</b>	<b>THURS 17</b>	<b>FRI 18</b>
<b>daytime</b>	2:30-3:00: Disabled People Fuck	3:00-4:00: Climate Change, Environment al Activism, and Disability Justice	11:00-12:00: University Disability Townhall  2:00 – 3:30: Boundaries are Beautiful	4:00-5:00: Accessible Cook-Along	
<b>evening</b>	6-7:45: Self-Care & Cinema Screening  8-9: Self-Care & Cinema Conversation	6-7: Mad Pride 101  7:30-8:30: The Mad Lab		6:00-7:00: Care Webs: Building Compassiona te Support	7:00 – 8:00: Disabled BIPOC Community Circle

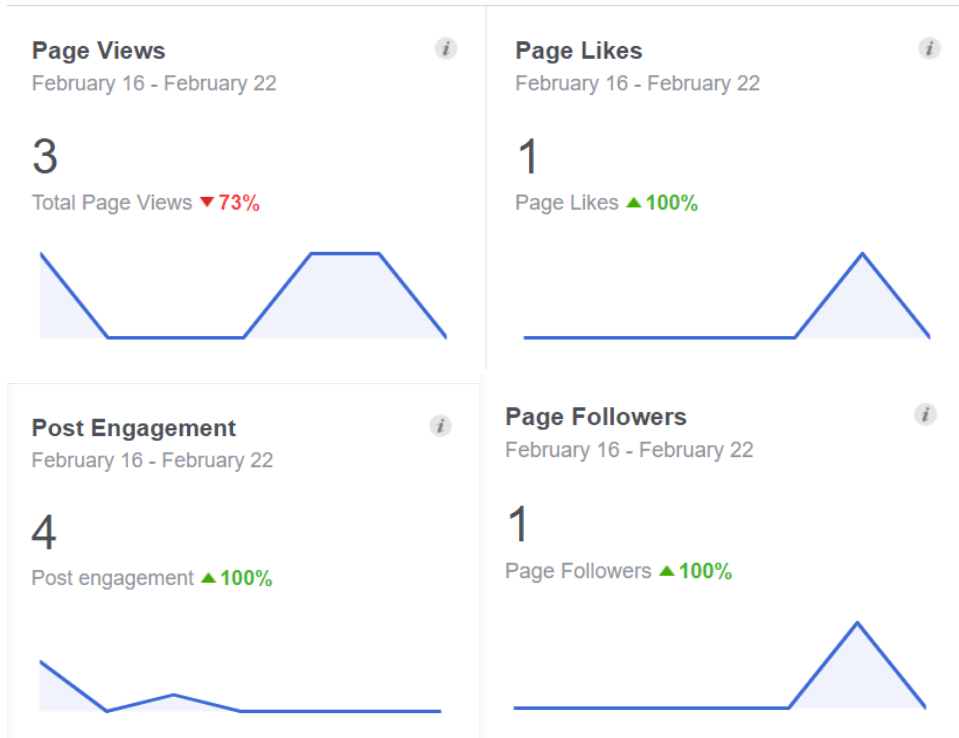
## Outreach & Promotions

### *Summary*

Since our last report, we promoted this term's community groups, WGEN's Self-Love Club event, and a community members' neurodivergent focused research. We haven't focused much on promotions this month due to being in a "planning" phase with our projects on the go. However, we have continued to utilize our Instagram story to share disability memes, educational information, and other MSU services' posts.

## Social Media Engagement since the Previous Report

### Facebook

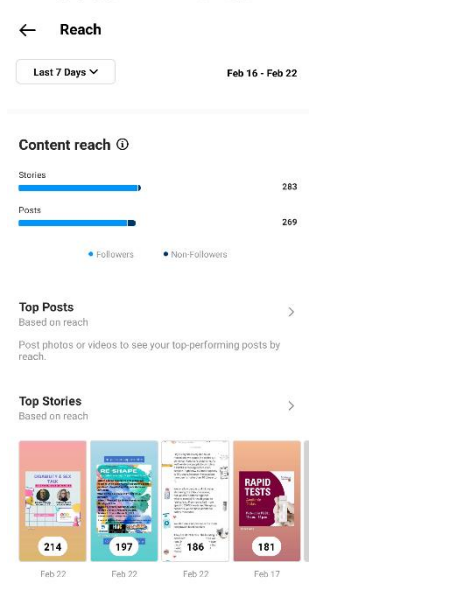
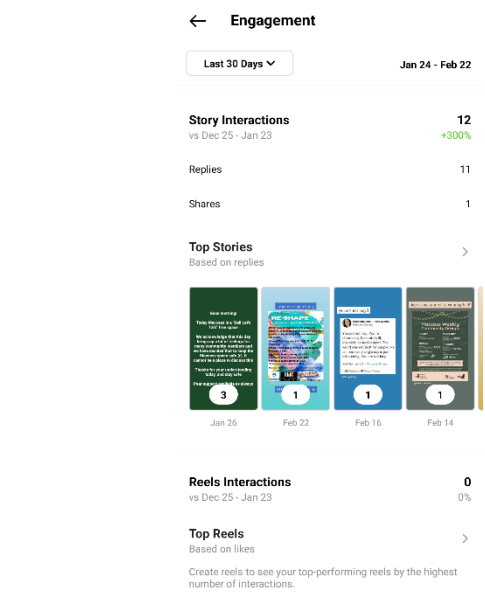
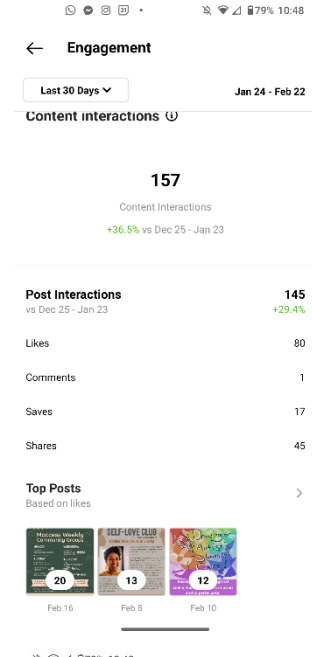
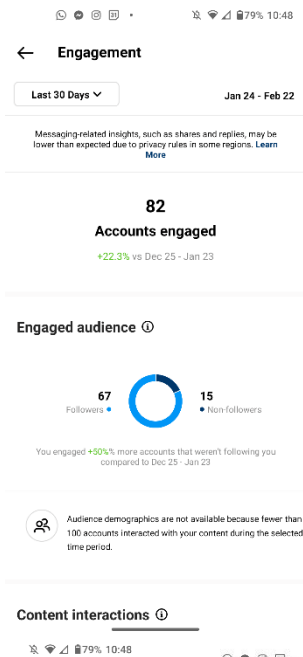
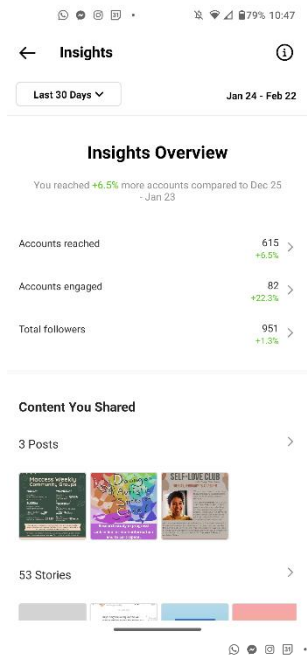


### Twitter

#### 28 day summary with change over previous period



### Instagram



## Finance

### Budget Summary

We are In the process of getting many POs approves for our resources and DMPW expenses, however this is the updated budget tracker including approved and purchased items.

ACCOUNT CODE	ITEM	BUDGET / COST
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6102-0118	<b>MACCESS - ANNUAL CAMPAIGNS</b>	<b>\$2,800.00</b>
	Welcome Week event prizes	\$50.00
	IDPD CART and event costs	\$330.00
	Winter Wonder Care prizes (bought with money from SWC, Special Projects)	\$397.52
	Sasha Warren speaker fee	\$300.00
	<b>TOTAL SPENT IN LINE</b>	<b>\$1177.52</b>
	<b>REMAINING IN LINE</b>	<b>\$1172.48</b>
6494-0118	<b>MACCESS - VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>
	Volunteer welcome package pins	\$70.00
	Volunteer welcome letters	\$3.92
	Volunteer welcome tea	\$10.05
	Volunteer welcome stamps and mailing	\$41.58
	Volunteer thank you Starbucks cards	\$115.00
	<b>TOTAL SPENT IN LINE</b>	<b>\$240.55</b>
	<b>REMAINING IN LINE</b>	<b>\$509.45</b>
6804-0118	<b>MACCESS - TRAINING EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
	Carly Boyce training	\$260.00
	Conference tickets	\$80.00
	<b>TOTAL SPENT IN LINE</b>	<b>\$340.00</b>
	<b>REMAINING IN LINE</b>	<b>\$160.00</b>
6501-0118	<b>MACCESS - ADVERTISING &amp; PROMO</b>	<b>\$1,700.00</b>
	Volunteer hiring promo	\$125.00
	Space launch promo	\$125.00
	Community group promo	\$125.00
	COVID social media campaign	\$440.00
	Community group promo updating	\$25.00
	<b>TOTAL SPENT IN LINE</b>	<b>\$815.00</b>
	<b>REMAINING IN LINE</b>	<b>\$885.00</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>		
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED DISCRETIONARY SPENDING</b>		<b>\$6600.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ACTUAL DISCRETIONARY SPENDING</b>		<b>\$2573.07</b>
<b>REMAINING DISCRETIONARY SPENDING</b>		<b>\$3576.93</b>

<i>SPONSORS/DONORS</i>				
<i>ACCOUNT CODE</i>	<i>ITEM</i>	<i>BUDGET / COST</i>	<i>DEPSOIT SUBMITTED (DATE)</i>	
	Sponsorship revenue	\$0.00		
	Student Wellness Centre - support for Exam Care Packages	\$450.00	Oct-21	

	TOTAL GENERATED IN LINE	\$450.00		
	REMAINING TARGET IN LINE	-\$450.00		

## Executives & Volunteers

Our executive team seems to be in high spirits with the planning of DMPW. Every exec member has chosen an event to take the lead on, with some assisting with multiple events. This has enabled us to meet intersectional needs, display our interests as a team, and ensure everybody feels excited to contribute to the events.

Maccess' AD quitting this month did result in some role shifts and subsequent fumbling as we figured out the new dynamic. Thankfully, we seem to have found our flow as we made space to talk about the changes and address any concern.

Volunteers seem well and have been active in the Discord throughout the month.

## Successes

As opposed to other peer support service models, we elected to not have Events Coordinator positions on our executive team. As mentioned above, this has enabled every exec to help plan and facilitate an event during DMPW according to their identities, skills, and interests. For example, both of our Training & Development Executives are running workshop-style events, one of the BIPOC members of the team is hosting a Disabled BIPOC Community Circle, and an exec that runs the Dating & Disabilities community group is running an event on disability and sex.

This model is working really well for us and it is wonderful to see each exec member's passion and excitement when updating the team on the planning of their event. I am looking forward to a strong and robust campaign week with many interesting and exciting events.

## Current Challenges

We are still experiencing some challenges associated with Omicron, and thinking about how (and if) we can return a service designed by and for disabled, neurodivergent, and immunocompromised people to campus during such a time. Maccess has been involved in some work pushing for considerations of disabled people in the return for campus and, on a more personal level, the return has created some exhaustion and frustration for members of the executive team. We are working hard to create access for one another and keep spirits high and hopeful in order to do our best teamwork, but there are definitely structural barriers making this difficult.