



REPORT

From the office of the...

Maccess Director

TO: Members of the Executive Board
FROM: Phoebe Wang
SUBJECT: Maccess Report 5
DATE: Feb 28, 2023

Year Plan Update

According to year plan, for the month of February:

- Disability discussion (Graduation and Grad school)
- General meeting open to community
- Planning for Disability and Mad Pride Week (March)
- Social media campaign about a disability-related topic (language use, COVID-19, disability policy in Ontario, etc.)
- Resource purchases?

Updates:

- Did not host a Disability Discussion → not within capacity and not necessary in our opinions
- All efforts towards Disability Pride Week planning (note the name change)
- Launched social media campaign on IG called “**The 10 Principles of Disability Justice**”
- Will create a form for our community to fill out for resources they desire to see in Maccess for next year. Will purchase them at the end of the year with our remaining budget.
 - Newly added resource: CNIB’s “Celebrating Braille Vol 5” book!
This resource provides a step-by-step way to learn Canada’s newly adopted braille code
- Instead of volunteer bubbles, we launched Maccess Rocks where volunteers can join Bianca and I on Wednesdays, 5-6 PM, to meet each other and paint rocks
 - Pros: it’s a fun activity and does not add more responsibilities to the executives

- We finished organizing all our community groups for the year. In addition to the one community group with PCC - Queer, Trans, & Disabled on Wed, 7:30 – 8:30 pm – from last semester, we will host:

Women & Gender Diverse Folks with Disabilities

Wednesdays 9:30am -10:30am

MUSC B111

This group offers a safe + inclusive space for the intersectional experiences that women and gender diverse people have with disability.

Anxiety & Depression

Fridays 10am - 11am

Online (Zoom)

We will be establishing a sense of community for those who have lived experience with anxiety and/or depression. We will provide an open and safe space for communication and help students access resources, accommodations, + navigate university policies.

Disability in Colour

Thursdays 1:30pm - 2:30pm

MUSC B111

We provide a safe(r) space for disabled people of colour to chat, reflect, and connect with others within the community. It is facilitated by two peer support volunteers with lived experience.

Chronic Illness and Pain

Fridays 10:30am to 11:30 am

MUSC B111

This community group is determined to create a safe(r) space for individuals living with pain or chronic illnesses to process, connect, and reflect or talk. The group is facilitated by two peer support volunteers with lived experience, determined to create a comfortable and safe community!

Events, Projects, & Activities

General Service Usage

We operate in hybrid mode as it allows us to reach more students. Some student prefer online anonymity, some students prefer more personal interactions

- Monday, Wednesdays, Fridays – MUSC B111 space is open from 12-4 PM
- Tuesdays, Thursdays – Discord space is open from 12-4
- Community Groups running throughout the week (times mentioned above)

Event 1 – Maccess Team Social (Complete)

- The team had a lovely get together where we ate, chat, and painted
- We ordered food from Boston Pizza so we can get pizza that was also vegetarian and halal

One of our volunteers painted everyone who attended:



Project 1 – Disability Pride Week (On-Going/Planning)

- The events planned (blurbs/info in blue):

Monday, March 13

Birds and Braille

MDCL #

6 pm – 9 pm

- We are so excited to start off our campaign with a movie night! Come watch *Rio* with audio description and explore our newly added resource: CNIB's "Celebrating Braille Vol 5" book! This resource provides a step-by-step way to learn Canada's newly adopted braille code! First 20 individuals to register will get a \$5 Starbucks gift card!

Tuesday, March 14

CATS + SAS

Mills Memorial Library, L212

1:30 pm – 3 pm

- Come join us at L212 of Mills Library near elevator two to explore the CATS space and learn about SAS accommodations. This recently renovated private study and lounge area has an upgraded aquarium, new height adjustable desks, LED lights that mimic natural sunlight, and more. There will be free pizza and merch!

Don't Push My Buttons

MUSC #

6 pm – 7 pm

- It's art time! Come spend some quality time with Maccess and make disability-themed buttons for you to keep. Snacks and drinks will be provided!
- **We're still trying to get the button maker from MSU. Will follow up with an email.**

Wednesday, March 15

Virtual Museum Tour

MUSC # and Zoom

1 pm – 2 pm

- Are you interested in seeing art? Maccess will be hosting a virtual museum tour courtesy of Tangled Art + Disability, an art gallery composed of artists with disability. There will also be colouring activities and snacks! Feel free to join us in person at MUSC # or on Zoom (link will be emailed). First 10 individuals to register for the in-person option will get a free Chatime bubble tea!

Climate Change, Environmental Activism, and Disability Justice. (Speaker: Priya Penner)

Zoom

TBD

- This event is run in collaboration with the Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies, the only U.S. disability-led organization that prioritizes equity, access, disability rights, and disability justice before, during, and after disasters and emergencies. Join Maccess and Priya Penner on Zoom (link will be emailed)!

Thursday, March 16

Disability and Graduate School Trivia (Speaker: Roché Keane)

Zoom

12 pm – 1 pm

- Have you ever wondered what graduate school is like for disabled students? We have invited Roché Keane, a Master of Social Work student/social worker in the

mental health field, to answer your questions! She will share her journey as a grad student and provide tips! There will also be a trivia where you can win a \$50 gift card to a place of your choice!

Friday, March 17

Disability Awareness Resource Fair

MUSC Atrium

12 pm – 2 pm

- Maccess is proud to announce our very first resource fair! Visit us at MUSC to learn more about the resources you can find at McMaster to help you along your undergraduate journey and get some free swag!

Outreach & Promotions

The image shows two side-by-side screenshots of social media posts. Both posts feature a yellow square graphic with the text 'Disability Justice' at the top, a central graphic with the text 'DISABLED DO NOT BELONG TO THIS WORLD', and '10 Principles' at the bottom. The left screenshot shows the post from February 25 at 10:26 AM with 22 likes, 0 comments, 6 shares, and 0 bookmarks. The right screenshot shows the post from February 24 at 11:18 AM with 48 likes, 0 comments, 2 shares, and 10 bookmarks. Below each screenshot is an 'Overview' section with the following data:

Metric	Left Post (Feb 25)	Right Post (Feb 24)
Accounts reached	305	380
Accounts engaged	--	--
Profile activity	9	10

- Check out our 10 principles post! Super educative.

Finances

Budget Summary

6102-0118	MACCESS - ANNUAL CAMPAIGNS	\$3,500.00		
	DisVisibility Week & History Week			
	Speaker: Hilary Jenkins	\$100.00	20-Nov-22	25-Nov-22
	Speaker: Celeste Suart	\$100.00	20-Nov-22	25-Nov-22
	Speaker: Roché Keane	\$200.00	30-Nov-22	2-Dec-22
	Uber purchases	\$135.91	13-Nov-22	14-Nov-22
	Amazon purchases	\$210.61	13-Nov-22	14-Nov-22
	Fortino purchase	\$117.68	13-Nov-22	14-Nov-22
	Disability Pride Week			
	Maccess SWAG :)			
	Speaker: Roché Keane	\$200.00		
	Speaker: Priya Penner	\$250.00		
	Amazon - Button Materials?			
	Fortino purchase for drinks and snacks			
	TOTAL SPENT IN LINE	\$1,314.20		
	REMAINING IN LINE	\$2,185.80		
6494-0118	MACCESS - VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION	\$650.00		
	December Volunteer Appreciation - \$10 Gift Cards			
	Starbucks	\$110.00	18-Dec-22	22-Dec-22
	Indigo	\$60.00	18-Dec-22	22-Dec-22
	Walmart	\$30.00	18-Dec-22	22-Dec-22
	Executive Team Appreciation - Bubble Tea Run	\$69.95	6-Feb-23	8-Feb-23
	TOTAL SPENT IN LINE	\$269.95		
	REMAINING IN LINE	\$380.05		
6804-0118	MACCESS - TRAINING EXPENSE	\$750.00		

<i>TOTALS</i>	
TOTAL BUDGETED DISCRETIONARY SPENDING	\$7,800.00
TOTAL ACTUAL DISCRETIONARY SPENDING	\$3,748.11
REMAINING DISCRETIONARY SPENDING	\$4,051.89

- Will submit a bunch of POs for Disability Pride Week purchases that will require approval

Executives & Volunteers

Successes

- Team social! It was lit!

Current Challenges

- Honestly, it has been challenging month planning for Disability Pride week. To ensure that work is accessible for my executives, many additional responsibilities have fallen onto my plate. Just currently juggling and adapting with the added tasks while ensuring it doesn't affect my school work

Miscellaneous

- We finished hiring for the Director of 2023-2024 YAY!