Call for Volunteers: Join the University of Winnipeg Accessibility Advisory Group (AAG)

The Accessibility for Manitobans Act Steering Committee (AMASC) is seeking students, staff, faculty, alumni, and members of the broader UW community—particularly those with lived experience of disability—to join the Accessibility Advisory Group (AAG).

What is the AAG?

The AAG is a volunteer group that will have a vital **advisory role** in creating an equitable working and learning environment by removing barriers and improving accessibility across campus, including its programs, policies, services, physical and virtual spaces.

Mandate & Purpose

The AAG provides **feedback and recommendations** to UW's AMASC and university departments/units. The AAG helps to:

- Identify barriers to learning, working, and living on campus for people with disabilities and provide recommendations for eliminating or mitigating these barriers
- Shape and update UW's <u>Accessibility Plan</u>
- Ensure accessibility initiatives and infrastructure meet the real needs of those with disabilities
- Advise on effective community engagement strategies
- Participate in surveys, focus groups, and meetings as needed
- Spread awareness about the barriers preventing those from participating and existing within UW sectors
- Support efforts to educate students, staff, and faculty on issues surrounding dis/ability

Membership

The AAG welcomes:

Students, staff, faculty, alumni, and members of the broader UW community with diverse lived experiences of disability (e.g., mobility, neurodivergence, sensory, mental health, chronic health condition, etc.).

Participation is flexible and voluntary—you can contribute as much or as little as you wish. AAG members will be appointed to serve for a one-year renewable term.

All members must agree to follow the UW's <u>Respectful Working and Learning Environment Policy</u>. The <u>AAG Terms of Reference</u> can be found here.

Why Join?

By joining the AAG, you'll have a meaningful opportunity to help shape an inclusive, accessible, and equitable university environment. Your voice matters, and your experiences can make a real difference.

If you are interested in joining the AAG or have further questions, please email Tianna Greaves. We look forward to your contributions.

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