



ALICIA JARVIS  
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Strategist

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## Professional Experience

### Summary

A creative force for change and thought leader offering a positive perspective and innovative solutions to complex problems relating to universal usability. A proven track record of matching business goals with consumer and employee needs to lead the way in accessible user experience by providing consultation services to government agencies, educational institutions and private sector companies.

### Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Strategist

- Senior Digital Accessibility Specialist with 12+ years of experience in diversity, equity & inclusion
- Well-versed in the evolving accessibility and inclusive design space
- Effective research and documentation skills.

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### Skills

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| ➤ Diversity, equity & inclusion | ➤ Agile methodology   |
| ➤ Software testing              | ➤ Quality engineering |
| ➤ DevOps                        | ➤ Inclusive design    |
| ➤ Automation                    | ➤ Interaction design  |

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### Certifications

Scrum Alliance – Certified Scrum Master

IAAP – Certified Professional in Accessibility Core Competency (CPACC)

IBM Bluemix Essentials Badge

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### Honours and Awards

**RBC Leo Award – 2016**

**RBC Performance Conference Award – 2016**

**RBC Quarterly Star Award - 2016**

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## **Professional Experience**

Scotiabank

**Senior Digital Accessibility Specialist** - August 2020 - Present

RBC

**Inclusive Design Practice Lead** – December 2017- August 2020

Leads the Inclusive Design practice within one of North America's largest design teams.

### **Key Accomplishments:**

- Co-founded the RBC Digital Accessibility and Inclusive Design Guild.
- Created and leads the Inclusive Design practice across RBC Digital Design

**QA Analyst** – March 2015 – December 2017

**IT Accessibility Consultant** – June 2014 – March 2015

Supported the processes, tools, and technology to deliver a consistently rewarding customer and employee experience to a broader population base; including, the aging population and people with disabilities.

### **Key Accomplishments:**

- Engineered and integrated automated accessibility testing into the QA process using aXe-core
- Created and leads the accessibility testing strategy across several agile labs
- Assists in the IT Accessibility Project Certification process
- Created and maintained a collaborative social networking site for the team
- Developed a sample alternative, accessible modal window

AccessAbility Advantage

**AODA Consultant** – August 2013 – June 2014

Guided organizations through new Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) standards with compliance strategy, policy development, training, and implementation,

**Key Accomplishments:**

- Conducted WCAG 2.0 web accessibility audits for various clients including Ontario Colleges of Library Services
- Facilitated high level meetings with various clients regarding the Integrated Accessibility Standard Regulations (IASR)

**Sapient Nitro**

**Web Accessibility Auditor/Consultant** – February 2014 – March 2014

Conducted a comprehensive web accessibility audit and provided guidance on web accessibility standards and compliance

**Key Accomplishments:**

- Provided a gap analysis to assist a major client with determining the current state of accessibility of their websites and to determine the work effort required to bring the websites into compliance within the prescribed AODA timelines and WCAG 2.0 Standards.
- Wrote a comprehensive report and conducted a client presentation of the findings
- Tested a prototype app for Section 508 compliance

**TAG Idea Revolution**

**Junior HTML Developer** - October 2012 – January 2013

Managed content development (English/French) and conducted quality assurance (QA) testing on Web-based projects for clients including CarStar and Swiss Natural

**Key Accomplishments:**

- Provided editing and editorial support in both English and French to the content management team
- Migrated, converted and maintained data through Word Press

**Bell Canada**

**Marketing Manager:** October 2010 – October 2011

**Product Development Coordinator:** October 2009- October 2010

Managed content development (English & French) and coordination of Accessibility projects and related internal training initiatives. Conducted relevant market research and monitored government legislative initiatives

worldwide impacting accessibility product and customer service requirements.

### **Key Accomplishments:**

- Content development (English/French) of [bell.ca/accessibility](http://bell.ca/accessibility) to transform previously archaic “special needs” section into a dynamic section improving communication flow and tailoring it to the needs of customers.
- Tested and verified WCAG 2.0 level A &AA compliancy of [bell.ca/accessibility](http://bell.ca/accessibility)
- Oversaw the development and launch of bilingual, integrated, multi-channel print, web and direct marketing campaigns that increased awareness of the Accessibility Services Centre among Canadians with disabilities
- Oversaw development and revised the content (English/French) of disability awareness training to all customer-facing employees at Bell
- Recommended and implemented changes to various existing business processes
- Contributed to various CRTC proposals and interrogatories

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## **Education**

**Bachelor of Arts with Honours, Criminology**, June 2008, York University, Toronto, Ontario

**Law Clerk Diploma**, June 2004, Humber College, Toronto, Ontario

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## **Technical Knowledge**

- HTML5
- W3C WCAG 2
- WAI ARIA