

## **Willing and Able: How Technical Communicators with Disabilities Can Succeed in Their Profession (UID 5U)**

Tuesday 8:30-10:00 AM (Room: Ballroom I)

In this progression, you can speak to actual users about what keeps them from accessing your Web site or your public place, participating in your meeting, or understanding the content of your video. Hosting this enlightening session are members of the STC AccessAbility SIG, a group of "ambassadors" who are challenged by inaccessible design every day of their lives.

Find out the barriers that impede their practice of technical communication, discuss how they cope with these barriers, and explore ways to make products more accessible to end users with both functional disabilities, such as vision, hearing, and mobility restrictions; and situational disabilities, such as incompatible computer equipment or lack of a sound card.

These are the topics and presenters for this session:

- Making Public Places and Events Truly Accessible (Fabien Vais)
- Secondary Disabilities: The Vicious Circle (How One Impairment Can Cause Another) (Lori Gillen, Dan Voss, and Ria Voss)
- Airport Security for People with Disabilities (Mike Murray)
- Adaptive Technologies and Techniques for People with Vision Problems (Gloria A. Reece)
- Work Accommodations for People with Emotional or Mental Disabilities (Helen A. Marty)
- From East to West: Comparing Experiences as a Wheelchair User in Asia, Europe, and the USA (Eleanor Lisney)