Seminar on accessible apps

BT Tower, 17 May 2013

Chaired by Jo Connell, Chair of the Communications Consumer Panel and the Ofcom Advisory Committee on Older and Disabled People (ACOD)

10.30-11.00  Registration, coffee and pastries

11.00-11.05  Liz Williams, BT
  ▪ Welcome to BT Tower and to the event

11.05-11.15  Chris Taylor, Ofcom
  ▪ Why usability and accessibility matter

11.15-11.40  Robin Christopherson, Abilitynet
  ▪ How accessible apps can improve the lives of disabled people

11.40-12.15  Gareth Ford Williams and Ian Pouncey, BBC
  ▪ The challenges and successes of getting accessibility integrated into iPlayer on different platforms

12.15-12.45  John Paton, RNIB
  ▪ Connected TVs, companion apps and video on-demand

12.45-1.00   Ben Foster, Patient Services
  ▪ Their new app enabling GP appointments to be booked from smartphones

1.00-2.00    Lunch and demonstrations
  34th floor

2.00-2.35    Michael Day, BT
  ▪ The app BT has commissioned to enable Text Relay to be used on smartphones

2.30-3.10    Ben Shirley, Salford University
  ▪ How speech recognition could enable confidential and low-cost VoIP interactions for people with hearing impairments, and the potential for incorporation into apps

3.10-3.35    Sabine Lobnig, Mobile Manufacturers’ Forum
  ▪ The expansion of the Global Accessibility Reporting Initiative to include apps as well as handsets

3.35-4.00    Panel discussion with questions from the floor

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Join the debate at #accessibleapps