

Name

Makayla Miranda Lewis

Job Title

PhD candidate in Human-Computer Interaction
Visiting teaching assistant

Company Name

City University London

Member of UPA or Not

Not

Position you are standing for

Accessibility

**Goals for UK UPA**

Improve UK UPA standing and influence within the accessibility community by providing exceptional knowledge and support to colleagues within the UX and accessibility industry

Goals for the position you are standing for

Promote accessibility especially lesser-known challenges to the wider UX community by providing materials and resource directions alongside referrals. Most importantly encourage experience and knowledge 'sharing' amongst industry by embracing social media and organizing a UKUPA accessibility event.

UPA volunteer experience

Guest tweeter for 2011 Accessibility event and World Usability Day

Professional Experience & Biographical detail

Makayla's passion for accessibility was ignited during the completion of her BSc (Hons) degree in Computer Information System Design (Multimedia Information Systems) and Masters by Research and Dissertation degree in HCI at Kingston University London. She is now coming to end of a PhD in HCI at City University London Centre for HCI Design. Her research focuses on accessibility specifically online social network experiences and challenges from the perspective of end-users with the motor impairment cerebral palsy (cp). This background/experience has allowed Makayla to share her understanding and experiences with the web accessibility community with well-established individuals, organizations and institutions. She is most known as the lead-organizer for Web AccessibilityLondon (a11yLDN) unconference and meetup. Additionally her passion for accessibility is also due to a 'personal' connection to disability. As a primary caregiver for a parent with CP, an active volunteer at user-led organizations directed at people with disabilities and a level 2 British Sign Language learner she has developed an exceptional understanding and commitment to accessibility and the disability community.