

Accessible Books Consortium – ‘ABC’

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What is ABC?

An alliance of WIPO and international organisations representing rightsholders, organisations representing print disabled people and libraries for the blind

To make a meaningful contribution to the number of books in the hands of people who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise print disabled

Launched June 2014

Capacity Building

Developing the capacity of organisations serving print disabled people and publishers in least developed and developing countries

Training and support for accessible book production

First activities in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, India and Nepal

International Book Exchange Service - TIGAR

Enables libraries for the blind to exchange accessible versions of books across national borders

Pre-Marrakesh, based on permissions from rightsholders

13 libraries for the blind

Central catalogue of over 285,000 titles, 55+ languages

16,000 loans of books shared via TIGAR to print disabled people by the end of 2014

Inclusive Publishing

Contributing to born accessible e-books becoming the norm

ABC Charter for Accessible Publishing

International Excellence Award for Accessible Publishing –
Cambridge University Press and YPSA in Bangladesh first winners

Existing resources on ABC web site – best practice guidelines &
online training modules

More to come – guidelines, signposting to resources, training
and possible pathfinder projects

Inclusive Publishing Consultations

Consultations with organisations active in inclusive publishing

Existing initiatives – ABC needs to complement not duplicate

Need to engage throughout the supply chain – beyond publishers

Pathfinder projects?

What further support would you value most?

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