External Resources for Creating Accessible Documents

Below are links to external sites that provide helpful tips, best practices, and checklists for creating accessible documents and designs.

- **Principles of Accessible Design (WebAIM)**

  WebAIM offers resources and training for formatting and designing materials for people with several types of disabilities, including low vision, deafness, and limited motor control. The link goes directly to information on accessible design for websites.

- **Writing Effective Image Descriptions or "Alt Text" (American Foundation for the Blind)**

  The American Foundation for the Blind offers resources for writing alternative text for non-text elements. The link goes directly to information on writing effective image descriptions.

- **Accessibility Resources (National Clearinghouse of Rehabilitation Training Materials)**

  The National Clearinghouse of Rehabilitation Training Materials shares videos on how to create and check accessible materials like PDFs, PowerPoints, and Word documents. Additionally, there is a brief video on *Why Accessibility is Important.*

- **Section508.gov**

  This site houses training videos and documents for creating accessible documents, PDFs, presentations, software, websites, spreadsheets, and videos. Additionally, the site provides the latest news on the requirements and steps for testing your materials for accessibility.

- **Contrast Checker (WebAIM)**

  WebAIM offers a contrast checker tool that helps determine the accessibility of text size and color contrast, and spot checks your visual elements according to WCAG 2.0 guidelines.

- **<u>Creating Accessible Social Media Content (Center on Knowledge Translation for Employment Research)</u>**

  This resource provides five simple tips on creating more accessible social media. Tips include how to use hashtags, emojis or characters, plain language content, alt-text for images, and text transcripts for videos.