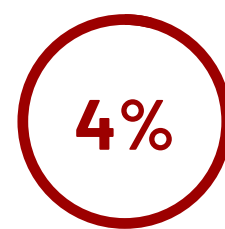




Brain Injury and Accessibility of Canadian Electoral Processes

Individuals with brain injuries deserve to actively participate in federal elections as their voices and votes are crucial in shaping policies that directly impact their lives.



While individuals with brain injuries represent more than 4% of the Canadian population, there are currently no developed standards to support their inclusion in electoral process

Many individuals with brain injuries face significant barriers in the participation of elections. These challenges are experienced in the voter registration process, accessing candidate platforms, the act of voting itself, and seeking/sustaining short term employment in an election.

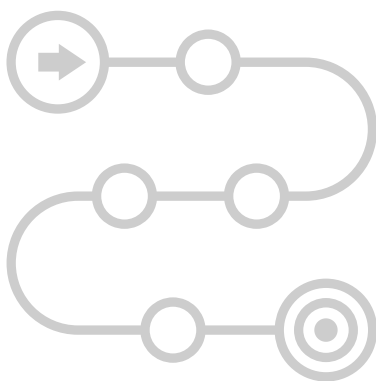
This community-led research project funded by Accessibility Standards Canada (ASC) aims to identify and eliminate these barriers, creating a more inclusive electoral process for Canadians living with brain injuries.

WHY THIS RESEARCH ON ACCESSIBLE ELECTIONS?

- Address barriers for persons with brain injury to effectively and fully participate in political and public life
- Make the inclusion of persons living with brain injury a priority on the National Agenda
- Improve the quality of life of people with brain injury
- Make voting accessible for people with brain injury to ensure their priorities are represented
- Establish standards addressing brain injury beyond elections
- Increase capacity for community-led research on brain injuries
- Create opportunities for community mobilization
- Position Canada to become an international leader on accessible elections

The outcome of this research project has the potential to influence national policies towards more inclusivity and support for individuals with brain injury in the electoral process.

RESEARCH STEPS



- 1 Literature review and environmental scan of existing policies, regulations and legislations
- 2 Recruitment of the Project Advisory Committee and of research participants
- 3 Conducting a survey, focus groups, and interviews with individuals living with brain injury
- 4 Value stream mapping and co-design sessions; Empowering people living with brain injury to identify barriers and solutions leading to more accessible electoral processes
- 5 Analysis of the results and formulation of the research findings
- 6 Dissemination of the findings to the public and to ASC
- 7 ASC updates the accessible standards for Elections based on public consultation

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Eligible to vote in Canada?
Give your feedback on the voting process by filling out our survey

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Share your voice on Election Canada's employment process

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You will also have the chance to be part of the solution through our co-design sessions

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