

NVDA: A resilient movement. Community-powered access for global inclusion.

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Empowering lives through non-visual
access to technology

The Shared Challenge:

A global digital divide

- The digital world offers immense opportunity.
- But access is not equal.
- Cost and availability lock millions out of education and employment.

Our Solution: the NVDA model

- A different approach: Technology as a right, not a luxury.
- Built on the principle: "Nothing About Us Without Us."
- By the Blind, For the Blind means solutions are built from lived experience.
- Empowering Local Leaders: We provide the tool; communities create the change on the ground.

NVDA: Non-Visual Desktop Access

A powerful, free, open-source screen reader for Microsoft Windows. It enables blind and vision-impaired people to access and interact with computers by reading the text on the screen in a synthesised voice or by output to Braille.

- Completely free, over 250k users in 175 different countries
- Supports over 55 languages
- Provides access to the web, email, office applications and popular software
- Developed and enhanced by a global community of vision impaired users
- 100% charitably funded / supported

The power of community:

A global network, a sustainable model

- Core Team: NV Access manages the software development process and develops training materials.
- Volunteers: A global network of programmers and translators develop code and translations.
- User Community: Thousands of users provide feedback and mutual support.
- A Smart Investment: Funding development work benefits everyone (rather than charging per copy). This model has already saved hundreds of millions of dollars in licensing fees, re-investing that value back into the community.

The Impact:

Breaking down barriers

- **Education:** Students can access learning materials from day one, at no cost.
- **Employment:** Job seekers have a professional tool to compete in the workforce.
- **Independence:** Individuals gain control over their digital lives.

A Story of Impact: Emma Bennison

- A trusted friend recommended NVDA
- Tried NVDA and became a convert to NVDA, because of:
 - Productivity
 - Choice
 - Values Alignment

Join the Movement:

A Call to Action for Leaders

We are not here to sell a product. We are here to promote a philosophy of access.

- As leaders in the global blind community, you are in a unique position to champion this cause.
- We invite you to become an advocate for a more inclusive world.
- In Government & Policy: Advocate for the inclusion of free and open-source assistive technology in public policy. Champion the creation of sustainable, national-level support systems.
- In Education: Integrate NVDA into your technology curriculum to empower the next generation with essential skills.
- In Your Community: Amplify this message. Be a local voice for access and help us with translation and localisation to ensure everyone can participate in their own language.

Let's Continue the Conversation

The movement for global inclusion is built on collaboration. We want to work with you to understand the needs of your community and build a more accessible future together.

Collaborate with us:

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