BREAKING BOUNDARIES

LESSONS LEARNED FROM CO-CREATING ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

1.Take seriously the hope experts by experience invest in a project. Be realistic about the possibilities and limitations of the technology.

2. Involve us early, before important design decisions are made.

3. Ensure that developers receive training on what deafblindness entails before development begins.

4. Let us, as end users, define the test situations ourselves.

5. Design the technology so that we can use it independently.

6.Combine experiential knowledge with professional knowledge in development processes.

7. Provide training, support, and customize analysis methods so that the experts by experience can participate in every phase of the project.

8. Plan for additional time, resources, and facilitation.

9. Discuss roles and power balance openly from the beginning of a project.

10.Reflect on the balance between your own experiences and the needs of others with deafblindness.

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