

Biography

John Draper

John Draper graduated in journalism from Durham College in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada. In addition to his formal education, John has enhanced his journalism and communication skills through experience gained as a communications intern, as a contributor to several books and as the author of numerous published articles. He has been an advisor to and a participant in international, national and community research initiatives related to disability, inclusive education and augmentative communication. John has participated in a number of committees of organizations, including the Canadian Committee for the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (a committee of the Canadian Institute of Child Health) and the Accessibility Advisory Committee of a national financial institution.

In recognition of his efforts to promote inclusion and accessibility, John received the Accessibility Advocate Award from Durham College and the Glenn Crombie Memorial Award from the College Committee on Disability Issues (Ontario) in 2005. That year, he also received the Lisa Christine Evans Memorial Scholastic Achievement Award (U.S.) in honour of his "altruistic efforts to enlighten minds and enhance the future of education." At its June 2007 Convocation Ceremony, Durham College recognized John as an Alumni of Distinction. In August 2008, John was the recipient of the prestigious Aspiration Award from POSSUM Ltd. and the International Society of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC).