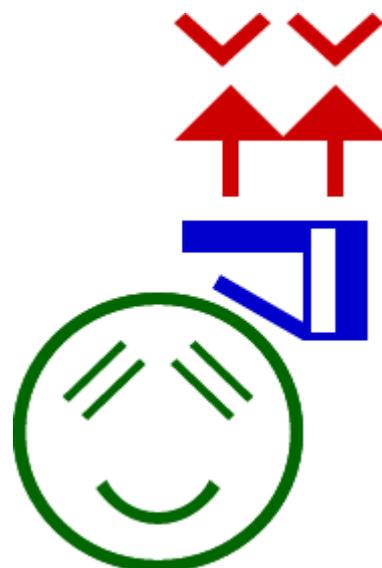
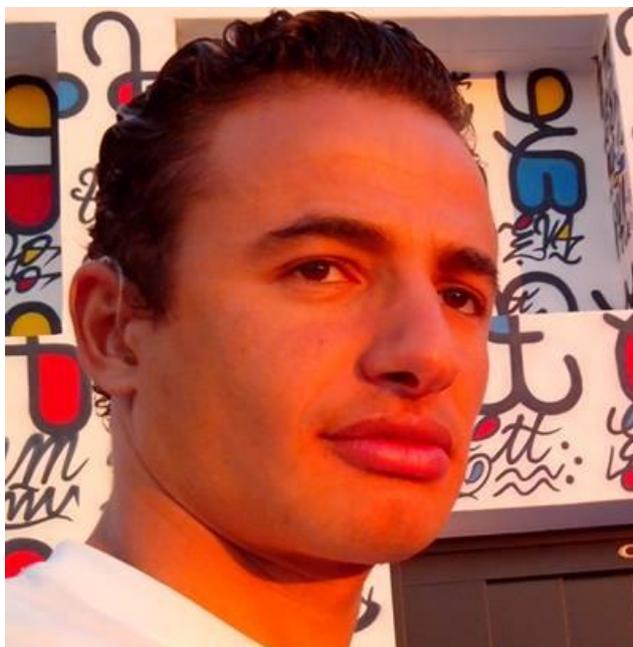


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Fedi Behri



Fedi Behri, though he is still young but he is the most famous deaf personality in Tunisian deaf community, in Tunisian mass media and outside the country!

Since he was born, his father could not accept the fact that he is deaf, and obliged him to “speak”! His father did not allow him to meet deaf children; he did not want his son to learn sign language. So, Fedi was attending school only with hearing people. He gave his utmost to speak a very good literary Arabic and he did it!

The first time he met the deaf community was when he was 16, and he learnt sign language very quickly. That was his starting point to renovate the deaf community status in Tunisia and to defend his mother tongue (Tunisian Sign Language) and his community rights in Tunisia.

He knew that his dream would come true if he continues his study first, and he is now “**Laboratory Professional technician of biology and medical analysis**”.

In order to be able to defend his cause, Fedi got involved into much training such as;

- Administrative Training Council in L'Association de la Voix du Sourd (AVST)
- Training on creating associations with Moroccan coach.
- Training hard of hearing peer educators, Topic was on HIV/AIDS prevention.
- : Advocacy training on the theme "Participation in political life under Article 29 of CDAPH.
- Training on the UN Convention relating to “Disabled People” in partnership with Handicap International and with the financial support of Open Society Foundations in Tunisia.

- Training on the best way to apply the topic relating to Article 3 of the Convention defining “The General Principles of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. “ In Algeria.
- Training on "Convention CDAPH" by Open Society Foundation, in partnership with The African Youth with Disabilities Network - Nairobi, Kenya.
- «The Planning Strategy » Training by The African Youth with Disabilities Network in partnership with OSF Open Society Foundation.
- Participation in South Africa at a Forum, Topic on (Power, Money and Sex), directed by Open Society Foundation (OSF).
- Participation in a seminar held in Ethiopia relating to « Architectural Accessibilities » aiming at disabled people, organized by the African Union in partnership with Jefferson American Institute.
- «The Media » training held in Dakar-Senegal by Open Society Foundation in partnership with The African Youth with Disabilities Network.
- Team captain in L'Association de la Voix du Sourde, tournaments Organizer and CSVST Team Spokesperson.
- The Organizing Committee President of Deaf International Soccer Tournament (May 2008) as well as many other countries such as Algeria, Italy, Libya, Oman and the UAE.
- The Organizing Committee President of Deaf International Soccer Tournament aiming at facilitating Sign Language Communication.
- Participation in Futsal Tournaments in Tunisia, Algeria and Jordan.
- Sensitizer within the theme of "Environment and Citizenship" referred to deaf children.
- Working with “L'Association de la Voix du Sourde”, “Ibn Charaf Institute” and “L'Association Française in Montpellier” for Sign Language Training.
- Sensitizer in « Political Life », « Freedom of Choice » and « Integrating Political and Public Life » with respect to CDAPH's 29th article.
- National Observer to the Independent High Authority for the Elections. (ISIE)
- Lions clubs international Member (Sign Club Branch).
- The African Youth with Disabilities Network Member and North Africa Communication President.
- Vice President Defender of Tunisia Disabled People Rights Defending Organization.
- President and Founder of L'Académie Sportive ET Educative des Sourds de Tunis
- Tunisian and French Sign languages teacher at Ibn Charaf Institute.

There are many other activities which Fedi had! He had also been to many countries like (Algeria, Jordan, France, Ethiopia, Kenya, the USA and others ...)

Fedi speaks also very good; Arabic, Tunisian, French, English and Sign Languages.

He encourages his students at the university to learn Signwriting and has new plans to make in order to make Signwriting spread all over the country, because he believes that only “Education” can make deaf people aware of their rights.