

Dialogues on disABILITY Speaker Series presents

Seeing Clearly Now: Creative Technology for the Blind in Saudi Arabia

Mohammed Saad will share his story of how he has creatively transformed available technology to design practical solutions

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In recent years, new adaptive technologies have been developed to allow people who are blind to fully utilize smart phones, tablets and computers. But for Mohammed Saad, there was a problem with these new programs. None of the apps designed to assist the blind were available in his native language of Arabic. Saad, who has been blind since early childhood, set out to change this. With no formal background in technology, he redesigned some of the most popular apps to work in Arabic, developed Arabic courses to teach the blind how to use Apple technology and founded MANHAL, an Arabic-language app that offers a wide range of educational courses targeted for the blind.



About Mohammed Saad

Mohammed Saad is an activist who aims to fight negative views of the disabled in his native Saudi Arabia and introduce the blind to programs, technologies, and skills that can help them live full lives. Blind as the result of an accident in early childhood, Saad's work began with a campaign to translate restaurant menus in his native Saudi Arabia into braille.

Light refreshments served

Registration encouraged. For more information or to register, email David Mack-Hardiman at dmack@people-inc.org or call 716.629.3626.

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