

Dates and facts

There is a building still under construction for the educational and tutoring center and advanced interior work with an area of approximately 700qm. Additionally there is a second property with about 840qm for leisure activity use.

In planning stage

Constructions of 3 class rooms at 40 – 60qm, an open-plan office, an open-plan kitchen, as well as 12-15 bedrooms with shower and WC.

Also lay foundations for technical requirements in the class rooms for computer and internet use and purchase of blind-specific hard- and software (6 Braille-displays are already available)

Generate an accessible website content to recruit volunteers, donors and members.

Contact Tunisian educational institutions, schools and administrative institutions.

Profile - Dr. Mustapha Ouertani

In 1962 I came to Germany and I had the opportunity to live a self-determined life as well as the right of an equal participation in the social, economical and political life.

I am from Tunisia and these ties to my home country are strong so I would like to give blind and partially sighted people the possibility to get education.

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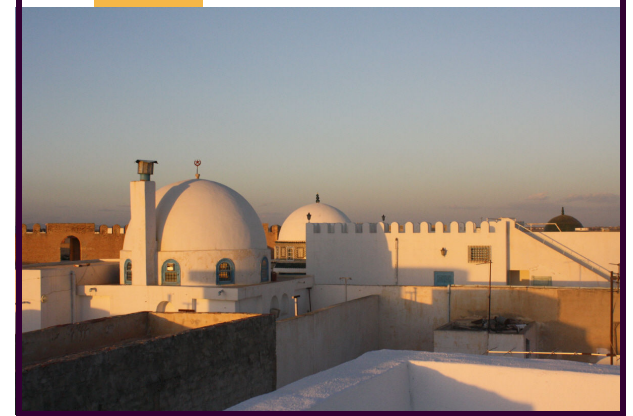
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Educational and tutoring center for blind
and partially sighted people

in Kairouan-Tunisia

*„It is only with the heart that
one can see clearly.
What is essential is invisible to the eye.“
Antoine de Saint-Exupéry*



Everyday life

Persons with disabilities have an individual requirement to participate in social, economic & political life. We want to enable them to do that.

The rate of people with disabilities is consistent and caused by accidents and diseases in Tunisia.

From medical perspective normalization is desirable but not always realizable.

More important is to except the disability and the right to exist.

The offer includes the learning of practical life skills:

- Orientation
- Develop strategies to touch (scan)
- Housekeeping (go shopping, identify money, prepare meals, body care and care for clothes)
- Games, sport and music

Braille

- ● **Louis Braille** (*4th of January 1809 in Coupvray near Paris; †6th of January 1852 in Paris) is the inventor of the Braille-System.

At the age of 4, Braille hurt his eye with an awl. This led to a total blindness. The eager boy could not get used to the fact that someone had to read for him and therefore he started to think about a scripture for the blind.

The Braille-System was the greatest revolution in the development of the Blind because it enabled blind people to express themselves in writing. Previously there were only a few blind people who could achieve an average or higher level of education; nowadays it is possible for all blind people thanks to Braille.

We are opening up new horizons with teaching the Braille-System.

Profession

Qualification and links to the world of work are mandatory for a dignified and independent life. The aim is to convey basic knowledge for state-certified professional training.

These are our offers for career entrants and for those returning to their jobs:

- writing fluently with 10 fingers
- handling of electronic and computer related aids
- handling of phonographs (record equipment)
- working with the Braille-display
- Computer and Internet training
- Information research
- Office-management

