

# Ali Abbasi

Writer and Activist in the Field of Disability Rights

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## summery

I am Ali Abbasi, an experienced professional with a diverse background in media, accessibility tourism, and advocacy for individuals with disabilities. I have served in various capacities including the board member of Isfahan Ziba Newspaper, founding the innovative application "Neeyan" for individuals with hearing impairments, and leading strategic planning initiatives for enhancing accessibility in the International Film Festival for Children and Youth. My commitment to inclusive tourism is reflected in my book "Accessible Tourism" which discusses urban adaptability for tourists with disabilities and the elderly. My academic contributions also include a comparative analysis article on the civic rights of individuals with disabilities in accessible tourism between Barcelona and Isfahan. Through various television programs, I have actively promoted the rights of individuals with disabilities and have significantly contributed to the discourse on public diplomacy, accessibility, and the economic opportunities presented by inclusive tourism. Furthermore, I am aiming to promote a more inclusive and accessible society for all.

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## Education

2012-2016

**University of Isfahan**  
**Bachelor's Political Science**

2016- 2019

**University of Isfahan**  
**Master's International Relations**

Thesis: "Analyzing the Impact of Urban Diplomacy on Accessible Tourism-The Case of the City of Isfahan"

Advisor: Dr. Mohammad Ali Basiri

Supervisor: Dr. Saeed Vosughi

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## Certifications And Completed Courses

2017

**International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) Training**

2018

**Disability Rights Advocacy Course**

2019

**Introductory Reporting Course**

2023

**Contribution on the two-part Diversity, Inclusivity, and Accessibility of the WERB panel Discussion**

## Professional Experience

- 2018-2023 **Committee Manager for People with Disabilities, 31st to 35th International Film Festival for Children and Youth**
- Strategic Planning: Designing and executing strategic programs for promoting accessibility and participation of individuals with disabilities in festivals.
  - Collaboration with Institutions: Creating and expanding connections between relevant institutions for people with disabilities and attracting financial resources and support for program execution.
  - Conducting Research: Detailed investigation and analysis on the accessibility of cinemas and festival venues, and proposing new solutions for obstacle removal.
  - Project Management: Collaborating with Isfahan Municipality for architectural modifications and creating temporary structures to improve accessibility.
  - Content Development and Training: Designing and executing educational campaigns to enhance awareness and capability of festival staff in servicing individuals with disabilities.
  - Logistic Management: Planning and executing suitable transportation systems for individuals with physical mobility disabilities.
  - Organizing Events: Planning and executing exclusive screenings and training workshops for deaf and blind individuals, utilizing sign language and audio description technologies.
- 2022-2023 **Product Manager, Training and Coaching at Onyx Business Factory**
- Designing and planning the research and development path in the production process for ready-to-present projects in problem-solving.
  - Preparing necessary documents and records for research and development process expansion.
  - Communicating with executive institutions as target audiences for products and collaborating for product completion.
  - Planning and designing strategies for converting found ideas and solutions into a business model.
- 2021-present **Idea Developer and Founder of Neeyan Application, Special for Hearing-Impaired Individuals**
- Forming a technical team, research and development, and board of directors.
  - Designing the business model and market strategy.
  - Managing and implementing visual identity and brand book
  - Developing Android software and executing NVP application
  - Planning and executing market strategies, marketing, and financial flow
  - Designing advertising campaigns
  - Signing a memorandum of understanding with the Isfahan Deaf Family Association

2020 to present	<p><b>Editorial Team Member and Think Tank Member for the TV Program 'Difference' at Isfahan Broadcasting Center</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning the thematic broadcast schedule according to priority.</li> <li>• Identifying potential guests for program appearances.</li> </ul>
2020	<p><b>Board Member, Esfahan Ziba Newspaper</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determining general policies for news delivery and communications.</li> <li>• Evaluating available resources for expanding and improving newspaper performance.</li> </ul>
2019 to 2021	<p><b>Accessibility Consultant for the Deputy of Architecture and Urban Development of Isfahan Municipality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principal Member of the Urban Space Accessibility Committee of Isfahan Municipality</li> <li>• Weekly field visits and supervision over optimization of each section in different urban areas for accessibility assessment</li> <li>• Attendance in meetings related to the annual budget allocation for urban and civil projects</li> <li>• Holding regular meetings with civil deputy managers to review and amend accessibility approaches in areas</li> </ul>
February 2019	<p><b>Member of the Jury Committee for Persons with Disabilities of the 4th International Flight Film Festival</b></p>
2017-2021	<p><b>Member of Isfahan City Youth Advisory Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examining existing solutions for facilitating youth-related matters for implementation in urban executive policies</li> <li>• Principal Member of the Citizen Rights Committee of the Youth Advisory Council</li> </ul>
2014-2015	<p><b>Member of the Scientific Association of Political Science (University of Isfahan)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination for holding political and student debates</li> <li>• Organizing educational workshops</li> </ul>
2014	<p><b>Public Relations Manager of the National Conference on Middle East Conflicts in the Global Era</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination and planning for conference news coverage in national and international media</li> </ul>

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## Publications

### Books

Awaiting Publication	<p><b>Translation of the book Special Economy (Economy and Disability: A Game Theoretic Approach)</b></p>
2023	<p><b>A Narrative of Woman, Disability, and Independence</b></p>
2021	<p><b>Illustrated Book on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</b></p>
2020	<p><b>Accessible Tourism</b></p> <p><b>Urban adaptation for tourists with disabilities and the elderly</b></p>

2020 **Big Dictionary of Citizenship = People with Disabilities**  
(How to behave correctly with people with disabilities in society)  
Prepared at the Department of Civic Culture Development -  
Cultural Deputy of Isfahan Municipality.

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*Scientific Articles*

Awaiting Publication **It Could Be a Job but ...: The Experiences of Occupational Challenges of Sign Language Interpreters**

2022 **Covid-19 and Challenges of Assistive Technology Use in Iran**

2020 **Citizenship Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Accessible Tourism - Comparative Study of Barcelona and Isfahan**  
Medical Law Quarterly - Fourteenth Year, Number Fifty-Two  
Spring 2020

2014 **Examination of the Impact of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Nuclear Activities on the Regional Security of the Persian Gulf**  
National Conference on Middle East Disputes in the Global Age,  
November 2014 - University of Isfahan

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*Notes*

**Start with the Disabled from the University**

**University: The Turning Point of Transformation in the Future**  
(Occasional Events)

**Disabled Tourism: A Suitable Opportunity for Improving Isfahan's Economy** (Donyaye Eghtesad)

**The Absence of Persons with Disabilities in Public Diplomacy**  
(Isfahan Ziba)

**Water Crisis and the Phenomenon of Migration of People with Disabilities** (Tehran Times)

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**Interviews**

2022 **Interview with World of Economy Newspaper titled:**  
**"Disabled People Have the Right to Live Independently"**

2017 **Appearance on the TV program "Here Isfahan" on the occasion of World Disabled Day as an activist and promoter of the rights of persons with disabilities, and discussion about the type of society's attitude and historical processes of this issue**

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## **Awards and Honors**

2021	<b>First Place in the Article Category in the 4th National Media Festival of Disabled People</b>
2019	<b>Vice Champion of Provincial Competitions in Boccia</b>
2017	<b>Vice Champion of the 6th National Student Debating Competitions</b>
2016	<b>Selected as a Brilliant Talent Student in University of Isfahan</b>

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## **Languages**

<b>Persian</b>	Native language
<b>English</b>	Fluent

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