



World Cerebral Palsy Day Awards Announced

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World Cerebral Palsy Day is delighted to announce the winners of its 2018 Awards. The winners include an ambitious cerebral palsy initiative in Cabo Verde, an innovative micro-brewery employment program in Israel, and the first inclusive high school in Turkey.

World Cerebral Palsy Day celebrates the lives and achievements of people with cerebral palsy and their families, but also the focus of a growing global social movement to ensure that everyone with cerebral palsy has the same rights, access and opportunities as others in their communities

“The annual Awards are presented to projects or campaigns that have achieved real progress to improve the lives of people with cerebral palsy and their families – at a community, national or international level”, explains World Cerebral Palsy Day Manager, Robyn Cummins.

This year, an international panel of 12 experts judged a field of 75 projects from 42 countries.

“The international judging panel were impressed and overwhelmed with the number and quality of entries. All the winners demonstrated clear goals, measurable outcomes and lasting benefits. They all also have potential to be adopted in other countries or regions, which is very exciting”, said Robyn.

The 2018 World Cerebral Palsy Day Awards were presented to projects from 12 countries.

Major Award Winners

- **Civil Rights: Calgary Ability Network, Cerebral Palsy Association in Alberta, Canada** - Very few cerebral palsy organizations are taking on the fundamental issue of civil rights for people with a disability. Calgary Ability Network is truly inspirational because of its pan-disability reach and participation from such a wide range of stakeholders. They are tackling a broad range of issues and are achieving great results.
- **Public Awareness: Nossa Casa Institute, Brazil** - Nossa Casa Institute takes the best quality information about cerebral palsy and translated it into simple and accessible video content that takes the mystery out of this complex condition. The astonishing success of the project can be measured in the number of views and followers, as well as the subtler benefits that come when a family is armed with the right

knowledge at the right time.

- **[Medical-Therapeutic: Reaching the Unreached, Satya Special School, India](#)** – Satya Special School is bringing much-needed therapy and support to children who may have otherwise missed out because of distance. The results speak for themselves. Since 2010, no child born with cerebral palsy in the 44 villages surrounding Puducherry has been marginalised or abandoned.
- **[Quality of Life: Breaking the Silence on Cerebral Palsy in Cabo Verde, Acarinhar, Association of the Families and Friends of the Children with Cerebral Palsy of Cabo Verde](#)** – Acarinhar’s outstanding work sparked a revolution of positive change for children with cerebral palsy in Cabo Verde. It raised awareness, offered much-needed services and was the catalyst for social inclusion.
- **[Education: SERÇEV Inclusive Vocational and Technical High School, SERÇEV, Turkey](#)** – SERÇEV is a deserved winner of this major award. Its volunteers worked with the Turkish Ministry of National Education and TOKI to realise the vision of a high school that is truly inclusive. It is a ‘first’ for Turkey and a great example to the world.
- **[Contribution-Employment: Bira Kadima \(Kadima Beer\): A Brewery Operated by Adults with Cerebral Palsy, Tsad Kadima \(A step forward\) The Association for Conductive Education in Israel](#)** - Bira Kadima has combined the agility of a start-up enterprise, the emergence of micro-breweries, and the opportunity for young adults with CP to learn and contribute through employment. It is a fantastic example of imagination and innovation.

Merit Award Winners

- [Self-help Group for Cerebral Palsy](#), Nepal.
- [Sukumani Dream Standing Frames](#), Sukumani Dream NPO South Africa.
- [AfriKids Cerebral Palsy Rehabilitation Centres and Advocacy](#) in the North of Ghana.
- [Detection and Early Intervention](#), APAC, I.A.P. Asociación Pro Personas con Parálisis Cerebral, Mexico.
- [Participation in Perspective: Adolescents with cerebral palsy participate in school, sports and health care](#), BOSK Association for People with a Physical Disability, the Netherlands.
- [Rehabilitation Support to Improve the Quality of Life for Cerebral Palsy in Children's Home](#), Nathan Ebanks Foundation, Jamaica.
- [I can make a difference: Upskilling South Africa's therapists to have a long-term impact on children with CP](#), Malamulele Onward NPC, South Africa.
- [Minds with Wings, Training and Entrepreneurship Center](#), Mentas Con Alas, Mexico.

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