

The Social Awareness Program provides accessibility workshops to institutions in order to promote accessible practices and to reinforce values of equality, equal opportunity, and human dignity as they apply to persons with disabilities. Our staff engage with as wide a range of social groups as possible, including schools and colleges, religious groups, service providers, employers etc, to counter negative perceptions and develop a positive understanding of disabled persons, their lives, motivations, rights and entitlements and the need for inclusion and participation within society.

The Legal Department advocates for the rights of persons with disabilities to policy-makers both locally and internationally. With our status as a Special Consultant to the United Nations Economic and Social Council, we are able to present our unique perspectives and contributions internationally. Personal legal aid services are provide to persons with disabilities whose rights have been violated or have failed to be implemented at local or national levels.

The International Accessible Library for the Print-Disabled is a one of its kind source of literature and knowledge for Arabic speakers with disabilities. All the materials are completely free and include a physical library, which contains Braille books and two Braille printers for the production of text in Arabic Braille and a virtual online website, where members can access - for free - over 5,000 Arabic audiobooks professionally recorded in AlManarah's studio.



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As a non-profit organization, AlManarah depends on the generous donations of individuals and foundations worldwide. Please support our journey to improve the status of persons with disabilities in the Arab society in Israel.

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About AlManarah |

Within the Arab minority in Israel, approximately 570,000 people have a disability, comprising one quarter of the entire Arab population. In order to exercise their fundamental freedoms and rights, these individuals must overcome widespread exclusion and discrimination - whether on the basis of their disability or on the basis of their Arab Palestinian identity within the broader Jewish society.

AlManarah is the Association for Persons with Disabilities, the first rights-based Disabled People's Organization in the Arab society in Israel. It was launched in 2005 by a group of disabled and non-disabled grassroots activists who believed in the power of self-advocacy for achieving dignity and independence, and who aspired to create a "Lighthouse" ("Manarah" in Arabic) of information, resources, and social and legal empowerment for persons with disabilities.

Through a diverse array of strategies - including legal advocacy and lobbying, promoting social awareness, and offering courses for accessing higher education and employment - **AlManarah** brings together Arab persons with disabilities and enables them to contribute to society as equal citizens. **AlManarah** is nonpartisan, working in partnerships and coalitions with many Arab and Jewish organizations. **AlManarah's** work enhances collaboration between civil society actors advocating for persons with disabilities, and provides legal leverage for the enforcement of the disability rights enshrined in both Israeli and international law.

Values |

Dignity, Equal Opportunity, and Independence: Crucially, these principles are fundamental human rights that can be asserted and demanded by persons with disabilities; they are not contingent on the compassion or pity of the non-disabled. For this reason, **AlManarah** supports the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (ratified by Israel in 2012) and pressures the Israeli government to implement its obligations under the Convention by means of domestic and international advocacy.



Nothing About Us Without Us: **AlManarah** seeks to educate governmental and private sector leaders about the need to include disenfranchised minorities - especially persons with disabilities and members of the Arab minority - in all decision-making processes that affect their lives. In **AlManarah's** own work, persons with disabilities from the local community play a leading role in the design and implementation of all projects and activities.

Vision |

To ensure that Arab persons with disabilities embrace their rights as equal citizens, and are empowered to benefit their community through excellence, self-advocacy, and open dialogue.

AlManarah's Programs and Projects |

The Empowerment and Skills Development program works directly with the disabled community, informing them of their rights and entitlements, offering guidance on how to achieve and realize these rights, and setting out practical processes for participating in society as a whole. Popular workshops and training programs include job interview preparation, computer skills training, and workers' rights education as well as creative arts workshops to bring out the talents and self-confidence of persons with disabilities and "Accepting the Other" workshop series to trains persons with disabilities to host educational and awareness raising activities in schools and to stakeholders across Israel.

