

PACES Newsletter No. 1

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The overall aim of the PACES project is to progress and set up a programme of initiatives in universities in Egypt and Morocco to support the modernization of higher education by developing Accessibility Centres (static, mobile and virtual) that will enable students with disabilities (SwD) to access Assistive Technology (AT) and support services such as counselling and peer support. Through these centres SwD and the Employer/HEI network SwD will be able to gain employability and transition skills in order to move forward into employment. All project partners have learned many lessons and aim through this new project to increase the scale of access to HE and employment opportunities for students with disabilities throughout Egypt and Morocco.



This newsletter issue will address the following topics

- PACES Project Contribution in ASU Employment Fair.
- PACES Project Contribution in TAYSEER initiation.
- Call of Volunteering Opportunities in AC in AASTMT under PACES Project.

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PACES Project CONTRIBUTION IN ASU EMPLOYMENT FAIR

Date of event: Tuesday 9th of April 2019

Faculty of Engineering in Ain Shams University hosted a workshop that gave a lot of attention to the PACES project objective, and it had a booth in the ASU employment fair to attract market employers.



Many SwD have been aware of what is being developed and done in the university and its PACES project partners to build or update already available accessibility centers (AC). Dr. Tamer Elnady said that: “Good communication network has been constructed between SwD and different employers.”

The event also gave attention to public and civil institutes that works on the same field to the project work to get help, support and add more collaborative experience.



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PACES CONTRIBUTION IN TAYSEER Initiation Workshop

Date of event: Saturday 3rd of August 2019



Dr. Ahmed Mehanna on the behalf of PACES Project, (funded by EU under Erasmus+), contributed in the Workshop/Training that had taken place at Industrial Service Complex in collaboration with TAYSEER Initiation at Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport – Abu Qir Campus. TAYSEER Initiation was established at AASTMT to make Alexandria Governorate eco-friendly to the People with Disabilities (PwD). The aim of this event is to raise the awareness and knowledge of Rights of the needs of the SwD & PwD as well as to meet interested stakeholders that will support the PACES Project to achieve his audience.

TAYSEER Initiation is the first Egyptian and Arab Initiation issued by People with Disabilities (PwD) and aims to Participation of all community groups in facilitating the means of making available in all governorates of Egypt to move civilizedly to a productive society in which all members to enjoy their rights to live in dignity while the Initiation mission is to facilitating the means of integration for all groups of PwD to utilize their abilities to develop society and facilitate their daily lives. PACES project team members at AASTMT is in full cooperation with TAYSEER Initiation to achieve a sustainability of the project objectives as well as to help them in achieving their goals.



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Call of Volunteering Opportunities in AC in AASTMT

Date of call: Tuesday 20th of August 2019

The Vice Dean of Student Affairs at AASTMT Abu Qir Campus, Alexandria Prof. Mohamed Abu Elazm gladly announced the availability of volunteering opportunities for students in the Arab Academy for Science Technology & Maritime Transport (AASTMT) in collaboration with the PACES Project to set up peer-to-peer Student Support Scheme that will assist and support the SwD at AASTMT. This is an unpaid work opportunity for fixed working hours that will be organized later according to the volunteers' schedules.

The volunteers will receive training on how to support SwD, certificates of the trainings, and a recognition certificate from AASTMT for the chosen students in the volunteering support.

The Support Scheme for student volunteers to work peer-to-peer with SwD. Students volunteer will help with taking notes, digitizing learning material or helping with sports and social activities. You can volunteer by contacting your Accessibility Centre coordinator or fill the attached google form as announced through the below link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/571115283065092/permalink/1325208597655753/>



If you have any inquiries/questions about the Student Support Scheme, please send your questions by email to: pacesswdproject@gmail.com with a subject title "AASTMT AC Volunteering Inquiry" Or fill in the google form with your personal information, Interviewing process will be held to choose the perfect committed candidates before Mid of October 2019. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfGw4H3yXc9Osw9moc7m97tJFPFfkre0HTWoHBneWsy2aJITA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1>

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IMPORTANT LINKs:

- PACES Project Website : <http://pacesproject.eu/en/home>
- Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/groups/571115283065092/>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/PacesSwd>

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