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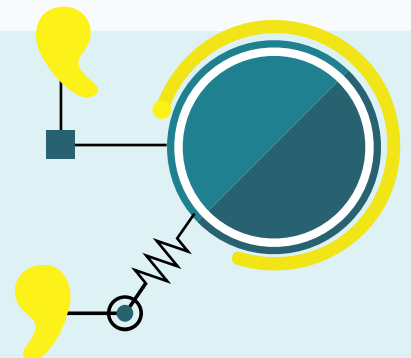
Gulf Region Education Assistive Technology Conference 2018

The Last Conference Day of GREAT 2018: What a Journey!

What defines a remarkable Conference is the energy, good vibes and creative ideas that spark throughout the event. GREAT 2018, now on its 3rd and last day proved that collaboration, learning and demonstrations were the most successful way of bonding the audience with an amazing speakers line-up, establishing a high standard for the events to come. The day began with 'Best Practice in Inclusive Education' workshop led by Ahmed El Sheikh from MADA Assistive Technology Centre and 'Let's Get to Work! Employment for people with disabilities led by Dr. Lisa Thornton from SIDRA.

Innovation Ruled the Day

In the Innovation Theatre, Mursi Serag shared his journey to develop an interactive robotic application for children with autism; Mohammed Kilany introduced us to Bu Hamad, a virtual avatar for Arabic sign language; and Mohammed Habash demonstrated the Tawasol App, which enables Arabic Augmented and Alternative Communication users to communicate.



A Whole Experience for A New Society

GREAT 2018 was about sharing knowledge and building a new, fully inclusive, type of society. This is what Mada aims for; this is what all the special guests and terrific people in the audience are working for. The workshops and demonstrations taking place today allowed those who came in the beautiful Marsa Malaz Kempinski hotel to dive straight into experiences, insights, and knowledge that could be applied to their classrooms, homes and workplaces. What we've gained? A unique synergy by coming together, sharing the challenges we face and finding how we can work together to create an inclusive environment for all.

Warm and wholehearted thanks to everyone for making this Conference truly GREAT. We are so looking forward to welcoming you all back to Qatar to see collaboration and innovation transformed into applied projects.



Visitors' Voice:

"I think GREAT is a good opportunity to bring different expertise together under one roof and discuss the challenges in the region. It's been so great to learn from others and get ideas about overcoming the same problems we are facing."

Noora Al Ghurair, Makaton Centre

"GREAT 2018 has been an amazing experience. I've been attending the sign language and autism workshops and what I've learnt will be extremely helpful to my classes." Kholoud Mohamed, Special Needs Teacher, Maria School

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