

The Walk for Iraq team have successfully sponsored a young Iraqi candidate to attend an annual course at the ADAPT institute in Mumbai.

There are many young disabled Iraqis left in the aftermath of the long standing conflict there. One of the main problems facing the carers for these children is that they have never been taught how. The children need education, direction and support, the families needs support and awareness and the community needs to learn to include those children into the society at large.

ADAPT (Able, Disable All People Together) is an institute in Mumbai, which holds a yearly course: Community Initiatives in Inclusion (CII), which tackles this problem. We were able to send a candidate to attend the course this year (2014).

Ibrahim is a young man who has been working in a centre for children with special needs for the past 4 years. We applied to ADAPT on his behalf and were delighted when he was accepted. He was able to leave Iraq and attend the course in Mumbai on 25th Jan 2014, and returned to Iraq on 28th April, 2014. Once he submits his project, he will be awarded a fully recognised certificate in CII and will be the representative of ADAPT in Iraq, training other carers and families in the region. Ibrahim was the first Iraqi to join this course in its 41 years and he made us all proud. He was highly praised by the director of the course and the teaching staff for his diligence, intelligence and hard work.

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THE NEXT STEP, WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are looking for 2 more candidates (preferably women) to take this course in January 2015. If you know of any suitable candidates, please put us in touch.

Best Wishes

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