

## **DECLARATION OF THE RIGHT TO STUTTER**

**We, the undersigned, declare that people who stutter should be accepted as having a stutter. We may, or may not, choose to find support to sound fluent or stutter less. That is our right. It is not reasonable to expect or insist that we sound fluent. We stutter. That is how we talk.**

**In this time of diversity, adjustments are too often not given to those who stutter, be it at work, education or using everyday services. The expectation is rather that we should strive to 'overcome' our stutter and speak differently. As individuals we may wish, and even try, to do so. But as a community we refute the idea that we all stop stuttering.**

**No organization can claim to value equality or diversity unless stuttering voices are permitted and valued. We call upon every organization and institution to work with people who stutter to make sure that all of us are given the respect every person deserves; and that space is made for us.**

**It is our right to speak as we do.**

International organizations representing people who stutter have signed the Declaration, alongside national organizations from: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Colombia, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Mali, Nepal, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Rwanda, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and the United States. The Declaration has also been translated into Bulgarian, Chinese, Danish, Dutch, German, Hebrew, Nepalese, Norwegian, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Portuguese (BR), Russian and Spanish.

50 Million Voices, International

Action for Stammering Children, United Kingdom

Alborz Atra Speech Therapy Clinic, Iran

Asian Association for Stuttering Organizations, International

Asociación Argentina de Tartamudez, Argentina

Associação Brasileira de Gagueira – ABRA Gagueira, Brazil

Association vaincre le bégaiement, Mali

Balbuzie allo Scoperto! – Supporto & Confronto, Italy

Belfast Stammer Support, Northern Ireland

BeneTalk, United Kingdom

BSV Belgian Stuttering Association, Belgium

Bulgarian Stuttering Association, Bulgaria

Bundesvereinigung Stottern & Selbsthilfe e.V., Germany

Canadian Stuttering Association, Canada

Centro Especializado en Tartamudez, Peru

CONTINUUM-TTM, Tartamudez Ecuador, Ecuador

De Stotterpraktijk, The Netherlands

Demosfen, Russia

Dutch Association for Speech and Language Therapy, The Netherlands

Estonian Stuttering Association, Estonia

Fluir+ Abordaje Clínico de la Tartamudez, Chile & Latin America

Friends – The National Association of Young People Who Stutter, United States

Fundación Colombiana de Tartamudez, Colombia

Fundacja Centrum Logopedyczne, Poland

Fundacja Wspierania Mowy i Komunikacji HALO, Poland

Ghana Stammering Association, Ghana

Habla Libre, Peru  
Hong Kong Stuttering Support Group, Hong Kong  
Independent Practice for Speech Therapy, Belgium  
Indonesian Stuttering Community, Indonesia  
International Stuttering Association, International  
Israeli Stuttering Association, Israel  
Jeanette van Baarsen Stottertherapie, The Netherlands  
Logopedie praktijk Stevenshof, The Netherlands  
MI HABLA, MI TIEMPO, Peru  
Myspeech, United States  
National Stuttering Association, United States  
Nederlandse stotter- en broddelvereniging Demosthenes, The Netherlands  
Nederlandse Vereniging voor Stottertherapie, The Netherlands  
Nepal Stutters' Association, Nepal  
Newfoundland and Labrador Stuttering Association, Canada  
Norsk interesseforening for stamming og løpsk tale, Norway  
ONLUS – ASSOCIAZIONE ITALIANA BALBUZIE E COMUNICAZIONE, Italy  
Pakistan Stammering Foundation, Pakistan  
Portuguese Association of Stutterers, Portugal  
Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists, United Kingdom  
Rwanda Stuttering Organisation, Rwanda  
SAY Global, Pakistan  
SAY: The Stuttering Association For The Young Australia, Australia  
Schneider Speech, United States  
Scottish Stammering Network, Scotland  
Shashi FIRE Holding, The Netherlands  
Speakeasy South Africa, South Africa  
Specialized Center for Stuttering, International  
STAMMA, United Kingdom  
Stammeforeningen i Danmark, Denmark  
Stammeklinikkene – Center logopedi AS, Norway  
Stammertalk 口吃说, China  
Stammerers Through University Consultancy, United Kingdom  
Stammingsförbundet, Sweden  
Stamurai, India  
Stichting StotterFonds, The Netherlands  
Stottercentrum Noord, The Netherlands  
Stottercentrum Utrecht, The Netherlands  
Stottertherapie In Verbinding, The Netherlands  
Stuttering Awareness Mental Well-being Ireland, Ireland  
Stuttering Society, Belgium  
Suomen änkytysyhdistys ry, Finland  
The Evolution and Voice Science Lab, United Kingdom  
The Indian Stammering Association, India  
Vereinigung für Stotternde und Angehörige, Switzerland  
Voce InForma – Centro Vocologico Internazionale, Italy  
withVR, International  
World Stuttering Network, International