

## Brothers and Sisters!

The day has passed... However, wishing that the message reaches all my network, I continue sharing...

### International Day of Deafblind People - 2022

Thanks to FURG's Communication Department and, in particular, the journalist Fernanda Patzdorf Cadaval.

"Alex, it has taken a long time, but it is here! I hope you like the result. I would like to thank you one more time for your availability in talking to me. I wish you always have a lot of health and strength to face all obstacles, and that your strength and determination continue to serve as an example and hope for those who haven't found the courage to move forward despite adversity yet. Best regards". Fernanda Patzdorf Cadaval.

Report on FURG's website (In Portuguese):

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Report on FURG's website (Electronic translation into English):

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And, I say more:

"A free man is a fighter and freedom is something to be conquered" (Nietzsche)

June 27<sup>th</sup> is the International Day of Deafblind People. I put the word PEOPLE in capital letters to highlight the key to this designation. The date was chosen in honor of Helen Keller's birth and responds to the Declaration of Basic Needs of Deafblind People, established in 1989 in Stockholm, Sweden. Therefore, it is not the international day of deafblindness. The goal of this date is to give visibility to Deafblind People and to raise awareness of the rest of the population on how to support them to have more autonomy and improve their quality of life.

I will shout it until the day I die! Believe it! Deafblindness is the condition and we must put the PERSON first. This is ratified by the UN Convention.

For many years, thousands of other Deafblind People, including me, have relentlessly emphasized the visibility and positioning of Deafblind PEOPLE. Incredibly, there are those who, individually or organizationally, persist in underlining the condition, seeking to unbalance, disqualify and annul our existence in order to weaken and ultimately erase our empowerment.

**The question remains:**

Why, in the twenty-first century, are there organizations and people who insist on keeping alive the imbalance and disqualification of Deafblind People? It is a question that everyone must answer by themselves.

Surely I will die shouting all this and nothing will have changed... There is no doubt about it! It is the struggle for freedom that gives meaning to a warrior's existence.

**Greetings, and please, share!**

Alex Garcia – Brazil

Alex Garcia's profile [clik here!](#)

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