

Guita Movallali has over 30 years of global experience in education, advocacy, and nonprofit leadership, with a Ph.D. in Psychology and [20+ years in academia](#). She has led numerous initiatives supporting parents of deaf and hard of hearing children, including creating **storytelling and dialogic book reading programs** in spoken and sign languages in Iran and developing several resources for parents and professionals.

Guita has edited and translated [17 children's stories and 33 books](#) on deafness and disability into Persian, developed the first ***Iranian magazine for Parents and DHH children*** and held several organized workshops, seminars, and national and international conferences for parents and professionals including the 18th Iranian International Congress of Audiology, in 2018.

In 2011, Guita developed [Persian Cued Speech](#) as her PHD dissertation, held several workshops, and wrote some books and resources. Her efforts earned her the 2016 Educator Award for Excellence and Innovative Leadership from the [National Cued Speech Association](#).

She has advocated and implemented the change on a macro scale and initiated [FCEI \(Family-Centred Early Intervention for deaf & hard of hearing children\)](#) movements within Iran and now in Canada in various roles relating to early intervention for the deaf community.

As the founder of [Parvaneha](#), the ***Iranian Organization of Parents with deaf children***, in 2012 with a large **online support group** of 900 families and one of leaders of [DLIA \(Deaf Leadership International Alliance\)](#), Guita has championed awareness campaigns and support networks for deaf families.

She also, initiated the ***Young Cochlear Implanted Adults Association*** in 2017, the ***Deaf Iranian Women Group*** in 2025 in Iran.

Since relocating to Canada in 2021, Guita has continued her impactful work at [VOICE](#) in different roles. She initiated the [Parent-Child Mother Goose Program](#) for parents with deaf children in Toronto and continued advocating FCEI practices to support early intervention.

Her passion for building empowered support networks for Canadian deaf families led her to found **Faranak Impact** Inc. in 2024, **Faranak Foundation** in 2025.