



André CUENCA

André CUENCA was born in Saint-Cloud, Algeria, in 1955. He is French.

André has been involved for **more 25 years** in **European, National and local organisations of deaf and hard-of-hearing children and young people and their families**. He knows very well the concerns of deaf and hard-of-hearing, children and young people and their families.

André is member of the Board and the Executive Committee **FEPEDA**: European Federation of Parents of deaf and hard-of-hearing children, **full member of EDF**. He is the **President** of **FEPEDA** since April 2021. FEPEDA has the goal to promote the rights of **deaf and hard-of hearing** children and young people for giving **the opportunity to have an independent life in which they will be able to take their own decisions**.

André is also:

- member of Board and Executive Committee of **ANPEDA**: French National Federation of Parents of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children Management Committee and Bureau since 2003. He is **Vice-President** in the organisation and represents French families in European Organisation FEPEDA. He was **President** of ANPEDA from 2006 and 2008.
- member of Board of **UNANIMES**: French Union of National Associations for the Inclusion of the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing People
This organisation groups of the various organisations of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing People: adults, people using sign language, people using oral language, people becoming deaf, children and their families. ANPEDA is member of UNANIMES.
- member of Board of **CFHE**: French Council of Disabled People for European and International Items. CFHE is member of **EDF**.

He is volunteer in all these organisations.

André is involved in European organisations of people with disability or linked to European topics: **full member of EDF** and **Board member of CFHE**.

André has been strongly involved in the texts relevant to **the French law of 2005**, for disabled people rights and **especially for deaf and hard-of-hearing people**. He was **full member of CNCPH (National Consultative Council for Persons with Disability)** from 2006 to 2008.

André continues to work on evolutions of the law, for **education, professional life and accessibility** of deaf and hard-of-hearing children and young people and their families.

He is member in the **CNCPH Committee** working on **European and International** topics relevant to **people with disability**.

André has two children. His son **aged 39 is severely deaf**. He is **independent** in his life, has a **family life** and a **job** in a **private company**.

André has a **granddaughter aged 13** (the daughter of his son). She is **profoundly deaf**. His son and his granddaughter use, as way of communication, **LSF (French Sign Language)** and **André knows LSF**.

Due to deafness of his granddaughter, André is always **aware of needs of families and children, especially in education area**.

In his professional life, André was engineer in Space activities and participated to **European projects** and **international projects, especially with USA**. He has **experience of European and International contexts**.

André is retired since October 2019 and **uses a big part of his free time** to be **an active member** in the organisations of **deaf and hard-of-hearing people** and their families and more generally, for the organisations of **persons with disability**.