

Camila Herzberg Cuetú is a young Cuban girl who has addressed epilepsy issues and made them visible through the arts, in a creative and transversal way.

Camila is currently 20 years old. At the age of 5, she underwent cerebral functional hemispherectomy of the left hemisphere due to Rasmussen Encephalitis. Unfortunately, surgery did not stop her epilepsy seizures. In fact, the first years after the procedure were particularly tough since she spent long periods in poor health. In 2009 she knew about other children who had had the same surgery and who were in even worse conditions than hers. It was at this very moment that she changed her attitude towards her world and started writing fantastic stories about animals, addressing issues such as disability and how to overcome daily challenges.

In 2013, her first book was published in a handcrafted printing. To date, she has published 6 short stories and has a book under editing process.

When Camila finished high-school, she started learning some skills related to arts and crafts, drama, etc. and decided to teach these skills to other children and teenagers in different workshops. She is one of the founding members of the first group of teenagers with hemispherectomy on the social media, a tool that she applies to teach the techniques and resources she has acquired to live in our world with the use of one hand and just half a brain.

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