

Let us introduce: Lua Leirner

The interview is easy-to-read

Since when do you give guided tours in sign language at Museum Tinguely?

In January 2018 I was in Brazil. Suddenly I received an e-mail from Museum Tinguely.

Other people had recommended me.

Since then I have been doing tours at the Museum Tinguely in German sign language.

Whenever you are not at Museum Tinguely: What do you do?

I live and let others live.

What is your most beautiful memory at Museum Tinguely?

There is a highlight in every tour or exhibition. We can discover new things every time.

But I will always remember the Inclusion day 2018:

I was waiting for my small group.

Instead, a very big group with more than 30 visitors arrived.

The group was very diverse. There were:

- hearing impaired persons
- deaf persons
- hearing persons
- and a person in a wheelchair.

My colleague from the museum was astonished.

She recommended: Split this big group into two groups.

This crowd overwhelmed me.

I wanted to try something new:

A guided tour for a big group in sign language and spoken language at once.

My group attracted attention at the museum.

We sometimes blocked the way for other visitors.

My participants got fascinated from the artworks by Jean Tinguely.

At the end, they gave me a big applause.

This is how deaf people applaud: They turn their hands forth and back over their heads.

It looked like butterflies.

I will **never** forget this.

How could Museum Tinguely become even more inclusive?

I find it interesting to switch roles.

Hearing persons shut their ears: They turn deaf.

Or the visitors can visit the museum in a wheelchair.

This way they see everything from a lower level.

Maybe Museum Tinguely can even show art from persons with disabilities?

Is the Corona-pandemic especially difficult for you?

There is information for deaf people: With subtitles or in sign language.

That is good. Sometimes the information arrives late, unfortunately.

I need to see the lips and the face. This is how I can understand.

Does someone wear a mask? Then I understand **nothing**.

This is why I can only talk to very few people now.

Fortunately, the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health says:

People talking to deaf people can take off their masks.

There are see-through masks now. In Switzerland, you can order them at  
pro audio: >> [Website](#).

The see-through masks bring joy. You can see a smile again.

That would be nice at the museum as well.

How do you make your life nicer during lockdown?

I go for walks with my friends and family and my cat Milu.

We enjoy those moments all alone in nature.

It is the little things that make us happy:

a warm sunbeam, snow, a gentle breeze.

They are good for the soul.