



INVENTOR & MAKER OF THE WEEK

Farida Bedwei

ROLE MODEL IN TECHNOLOGY

Farida Bedwei was born in 1979 in Nigeria. When she was one, she was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, a condition that affects movement and coordination.

Going to school was difficult and so Farida was taught at home. This actually helped her move through her schooling more quickly. When she was 15, her parents noticed her love of computers and sent her on a computer course. She was one of the youngest people there and became so skilled that she could skip the rest of high school. By the time she was 17, she was already working as a software programmer.

During her career, Farida has specialised in building computer systems for banks and is now considered one of the most influential women in financial technology in Africa.

In 2010, Farida wrote a children's book about a superhero called Karmzah - a young African girl with cerebral palsy. Farida couldn't find any superheroes who looked like her, and she wanted all children to feel represented.

Farida has won awards for both her work in technology and her efforts to promote disability awareness. Her story shows that disabilities don't have to hold you back from achieving great things.

