

## Report from Nordic Network on tactile linguality 2017:

The Network group consist of:

Iceland: Nedelina Ivanova, Sweden: Jenny Näslund, Denmark: Helle Buelund Selling, Birgitte Arild Nielsen, Bettina Castrup Pedersen, Finland: Riita Lahtinen

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### The work in the Nordic Network on Tactile Linguality May 2016 – April 2017:

#### Nordic Meeting in Iceland:

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016:

##### Seminars/presentations:

- The National Interdisciplinary Team on Deafblindness, Iceland, and
- Klettaskoli School for Disabled children, Reykjavik with the topics:
- The Danish Concepts on tactile language
- Tactile joint attention

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016

##### Network meeting, working on:

- Making a history line of our work on Tactile linguality / tactile language. Looking at theories and what is inspiring us.
- Planning the 2 hour Presentation at the Nordic Day at the Dbl European Conference in Aalborg September 4<sup>th</sup> 2017.
- The booklet\* is scheduled to be finished spring 2018. NVC will print the booklet. This network meeting defined the frame of the booklet, the target group, the definitions and approaches. We also discussed the main line of the content, also themes in articles suggested for the book.
- In connection with the booklet, we plan to write an article in Dbl Review 2018.

**\*The booklet:** Our aim is editing a booklet, a collection of articles, with target group staff and families of persons with cdb. The network invites authors writing about topics of language acquisition, including embodiment, multiparty context, helpful IKT, meaningful activities and learning through tactile perception. This work will start when the Dbl Conference in Aalborg is finished in September and will be finished in 2018.

**Facebook group:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/taktil/?fref=ts>

Nedelina Ivanova is the administrator of the Tactile linguality group on Facebook. The facebookgroup is called "Nordisk taktil sproglighedsgruppe", a closed group but open for people interested in the topic.

#### Next meetings:

Videoconference on June 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 9-12 am

Meeting in Stockholm NVC October 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> 2017

Last meeting in the network June 5<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> 2018 in Tromsø.

Kari Schjøll Brede