

Annual report from the Nordic network "Communicative relations" to the Nordic leadership forum of deafblindness 2017

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The network's general objective is to spread knowledge of the theory behind the book "Communicative relations".

The network should contribute to develop knowledge-based practice through case studies. These case studies should exemplify the development of communicative relations in a dialogue perspective.

The network wishes to maintain a constant focus on strengthening Nordic cooperation. Not only between different Nordic networks, but also on individual national networks/groups. It is a good way to reach knowledge and skills dissemination.

Meetings

February 8th and 9th 2017 in Aalborg

May 30th and 31th 2017 in Sandefjord/Andebu

November 28th and 29th 2017 in Gothenburg

The arrangements for the meetings is that the network meet the first day and work together, with an agreed agenda. The second day includes a seminar with video analysis. People in the country hosting the meeting are invited to the seminar. This seminar contributes cooperation between the Nordic and the national networks in the three countries who currently are represented in the network.

Tasks of the network:

* 27-30 March, the network collaborated with NVC as organizers of a well-attended course (24 participants) in Aalborg. The course was a follow-up to previous courses in the subject of Communication Relations. The course focused on using the analysis models and the theoretical concepts in the book 'Communicative Relations'. In addition, it was also an opportunity to act as a leader in meetings with video analysis.

* In September 2017 the network gave a presentation of a work based on a case at Dbl:S 9th European Conference in Aalborg. The network became part of Dbl's international network led by Marleen Janssen, professor at the University of Groningen, and as a result the network got the opportunity to do their presentation. At the conference, an initiative was taken by the Spanish participants to translate the book Communicative Relations with Spanish.

* The network contributes to a collaboration between Statped and Høgskolan Sørøst Norge (HSN), where a module-based module at the master's level is under development. The module is called Diversity in Communication. The network also contributes to further cooperation with NVC and some Universities in the countries on a common Nordic university education in the same theme.

Future plans:

* In August 2018, the network launches a longitudinal case study, which in the first step focuses on one case person. It is a case study where theories from Communicative Relations contribute to quality assurance and evidence-based knowledge that has been developed. Based on a specific issue, theories behind Communicative Relations are discussed. What can the theories describe, are they useful in relation to what we are investigating and are there new knowledge that can also contribute to the development of the work documented over time?

* Write an article for 'Journal of Deafblind Studies on Communication'. It is a mission the network received after the presentation at the European Conference, mentioned above.

* Produce some short film sequences where different concepts associated with Communicative Relations are discussed and explained. This is done in collaboration between some members of the network and NWC and will be on NWC's website.

* Plan another follow-up course on Communicative Relations. The course will take place in spring 2019.

Next meeting:

August 22th and 23th in Gothenburg

Aalborg, March 2018

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