

# Annual report from “The Nordic network on Tactile Linguality” to the Nordic leadership forum of deafblindness, spring 2018

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## Meetings and activities 2017:

June 14<sup>th</sup>: Video Conference:

- Planning the Workshop at Nordic day, Preconference in Dbl European Conference in Aalborg.
- Planning the booklet, authors-invitations.
- Agenda for the meeting in October

September 4<sup>th</sup>: Plenary keynote speech at the Pre conference/ Nordic day at the Dbl conference in Aalborg

October 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>: Stockholm, NVC:

- Framework and starting the booklet
- Invitation letters, Guidelines for article writing, Nordic Booklet.
- Planning the Nordic seminar December 5<sup>th</sup> 2018

## Tasks of the network:

The network was started in 2009, initiated by the NVC. The purpose of the network is to find the core points in tactile linguality, in order to understand how the tactile modality is used when cdb people speak. More investigation on the concepts and what to look for is necessary to understand the tactile modality and find out how language develops through the tactile modality.

The network aims to spread the knowledge into the practitioner field to support language development among people with deafblindness.

## Future plans:

December 5<sup>th</sup> 2018: Seminar initiated by The Norwegian network on Tactile linguality, in cooperation with The Nordic Network, at Statped, Oslo. Topic: tactile language and CDB. Presentations in English; Video streaming.

The book: *If you can see it, you can support it.* – a Nordic book about tactile linguality, a collection of articles, with target group staff and families of persons with cdb. It will be written and published in the Scandinavian languages, and also translated and published in English, in collaboration with NVC the autumn 2018.

Writing abstract for Dbl Conference in Australia 2019: Our work is planned to be presented at the conference, including the book edited in 2018 is planned to be presented and distributed.

The courses at NVC and the national courses on the topic *tactile linguality* were very popular and we intend to continue in cooperation with NVC, aiming for a Nordic Course in 2019/2020.

**Next meetings:**

June 12<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> 2018: in Tromsø

October 2018: Video Conference

December 6<sup>th</sup> 2018 at Eikholt, Drammen

Drammen, April 10<sup>th</sup> 2018

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