

## Annual report "The Nordic Cognition Network" 2018

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### Meetings and activities 2018:

#### Glasgow, 22-23-24 January:

- Planning the booklet II "Guidelines for Assessment of Cognition in Relation to Congenital Deafblindness".
- Discussing theoretical frameworks in relation to assessment, matrix proposed.
- Elena Hauge and Joe Gibson presented videos.
- Discussion in smaller groups

The 24<sup>th</sup> of January was a seminar day with invited professionals working with deafblindness in Scotland. Members of the network and invited colleagues from Skåldalen and CDH presented theoretically driven cognitive assessment and intervention on tactile working memory, executive function and arousal.

The seminar was live-streamed on facebook.

#### Copenhagen, 29-30 October:

- Final planning of booklet II, authors, chapters, introduction, editing.
- Group work and discussions
- Deadline for authors of different chapters 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2019
- Deadline for final draft hand in 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2019
- Working towards publication 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2019

Outside the aforementioned meeting groups of authors have met both in vivo and over Skype coordinating and writing chapters together.

## **Tasks of network**

The network was established in 2008 with an aim to develop professional competence, and to expand the knowledge about cognitive development in relation to Cdb. Several members of the network are affiliated to universities, conducting research and collaborating with other scientists in the field of Cdb.

Other members work clinically in the field of (neuro) psychology conducting assessment and intervention planning for individuals with Cdb in the nordic countries. As it is a small and varied population Nordic and international collaboration is paramount for the continued development and sharing of knowledge.

In the last year we have worked hard on the publication, however as the booklet is getting finished, we would like to have more time to share and discuss relevant topics and theoretical underpinnings.

## **Future plans:**

After publication of booklet we plan a NVC seminar/course.

Several members is going to present workshops at the Dbl Conference in Australia in august, some has a link to the work we have done in the network.

Continue our fruitful collaboration to enhance cognitive assessment and intervention of people with deaf blindness.

We thank NVC and especially Maria Creutz, who has been a great support in 2018 where the signing coordinator has been on compassionate leave.

## **Next meetings:**

3th and 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2019 in NVC, Stockholm, where we shall work with the final draft of the booklet II.

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