

Annual report from the Nordic network "Communicative relations" to the Nordic leadership forum of deafblindness 2020

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The main purpose of the network is to spread the knowledge of the theories / models from the book "Communicative Relations."

The purpose of the network is to contribute to the development of knowledge-based practices through case studies. The case studies should exemplify the development of communicative relationships in a dialogical perspective.

The network wishes to cooperate with other Nordic networks within the deafblind field and also with national network groups that exists.

The network wishes to keep a constant focus on strengthening the Nordic cooperation. Not only between the Nordic networks but all the way to the individual national networks/groups. We believe this is the best way to spread competence and knowledge.

Meetings of the network:.

- March 25-28 in Copenhagen. København, at the course "Communicative Relationships" organized by NVC with initiative and teachers from the Nordic network
- June 4 -5 in Oslo. Start of the longitudinal case study
- November 27 – 28 in Gothenburg. On the first day the network worked on the agreed agenda. On the second day the Nordic network was invited to a national networking day, where video analysis from practice examples was collaborated.

The Networks tasks:

- In June 2019 the network will start a longitudinal case study, which initially concentrates on one case person. It is a case study in which the theories from "CR" will help to quality assure and evidence-base the knowledge that will be collected and where, based on work questions, we elaborate the theories behind "CR". What will the theories teach us, are they useful in relation to the

study question and are there new knowledge that can also contribute to the study and the work documented over time?

- The network wants to strengthen Nordic co-operation and planned a network meeting with the network Tactile Language in March 2020 in Aalborg. The purpose is to share knowledge and to pave the way for closer cooperation in the future. Network days will include contain video analysis.
- We're in the writing process of an article for the "Journal of Deafblind Studies on Communication." An article that will consist of a theoretical part and an empirical part. The request of the article was given to the network after the workshop at the pre-conference to the European Conference.
- The network, in collaboration with NVC, contributes to the planning of another follow-up course from March 2019. The course will take place in Gothenburg, November 2020 and two of the network's participants, Anne Nafstad and Lynn Skei, will be some of the lecturers.
- The network contributes to a collaboration between Statped and Højskolen Sør-øst, USN (Norway) in a Master study. The study is called "Relasjonelle tilnærminger til atypisk kommunikation" and began in January 2019
- To widespread knowledge of the newly started group on FaceBook, where the activities of the network and other useful knowledge can be shared.

The future plans for the Network:

- To continue with the current tasks of the network.
- That over time a psychologist from each Nordic country is represented in the network. This is to strengthen the theory versus practice part. At the same time, it will generate more resources in terms of documentation of the professional foundation. Today there are two psychologists from Norway in the network
- To work further with the idea of a joint Nordic module-based education, where KR and the other Nordic networks can contribute to the content together. It could look like this:

Dialogical practices in communication with people with congenital deafblindness:

1. Dialogical processes.
2. Communicative Relationships (Diamond / Holding Point Model).
3. Atypical communication.
4. Access to cultural language (tactile / multimodal language).
5. Coordinator training in relation to conduct a video analysis.

Next meeting:

- March 3 - 4 in Aalborg, together with the network Tactile language.

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