

## Minutes from Nordic Leadership Forum on Deafblindness

June 1<sup>st</sup> 2021, on Zoom

### 1. Welcome and opening of the meeting

Kai Koivumäki, see attached ppt.

Note two upcoming events in the disability issues at NWC:

- Nordic Side Event in the 14:th Conference of State Parties to UNCRPD 2021: Building Back Better by strengthening the implementation of Article 19 of the UNCRPD: June 17<sup>th</sup> 2021, 14.30 o'clock (CEST)  
<https://nordicwelfare.org/nyheter/nordic-activities-at-the-un-state-party-meeting-on-disability-rights/>
- Indigenous Peoples and Disability Webinars 31.8. and 1.9.2021:  
[Nordic seminar: Indigenous peoples: language, culture, and life cycle | NVC \(nordicwelfare.org\)](https://nordicwelfare.org/nordic-seminar-indigenous-peoples-language-culture-and-life-cycle-nvc/)

### 2. Evaluation: Workshop on success factors, obstacles and continued development of the deafblind issues at Nordic Welfare Centre

Joakim Tranquist, see attached ppt.

The report will be presented for Nordic Council of Ministers in the beginning of October.

### 3. Status on networks and working groups

- The network on Tactile Language has applied for five new years as a network. It was accepted from this forum.
- All the networks are working hard an intensive and have now a stable structure of collecting knowledge and spread it. The network on Selfregulation is new as a formal network and have some work to be done to reach that, but the members are currently developing a plan for it.
- The project on 'Nordic Master on Communication' has started a collaboration with Örebro Universitet (SE), Høgskolan Sørøst (NO), Helsingfors Universitet (FI) and Aalborg Universitet (DK). Hopefully the first course can start in the autumn 2022.

- The project on 'Nordisk Utredningsmaterial om dövblindhet' is going on and have established a robust working group. The schedule is delayed due to the pandemic. At the next meeting in this forum there will be some introduction of the material.
- The project on Tactile Transition is ongoing. A bit delayed in conducting interviews due to the pandemic. In November there will be a webinar with presentation of the project and what has been done so far.
- The Nordic Conference on Deafblindness is postponed as a physical conference until September 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. Instead, there will be a 'teaser' in form of a webinar on September 14<sup>th</sup> 2021, at 1 o'clock (CEST). More information is to be found later on at NVC:s website.
- **For inspiration:** check out the NVC:s and your organisations' website in all countries to find information about webinars, courses and publications.

#### 4. Next meeting

When: June 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> 2022

Where: somewhere in Norway...to be continued... 😊