

Annual report from the Nordic network Communicative Relations to the Nordic Leadership Forum on Deafblindness 2023

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The main purpose of the network is to spread theoretical knowledge and knowledge of the 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 aspire to exemplify the development of communicative relationships in a dialogical perspective. The network wishes to cooperate with other Nordic networks within the deafblind field and with existing national network groups. The network wishes to strengthen the Nordic cooperation between the Nordic networks and the individual national networks/groups. We believe this to be the best way to spread competence and knowledge.

Current work:

Bi-monthly online meetings, 2 – 3 hours.

Throughout the year a specific focus on transcription and the contextual use within the network. Network member Håkon Lie has written his master thesis on this subject.

In September 2022 at the Nordic conference in Finland, representatives from the network gave a workshop presenting the current work, focusing on video analysis and transcription.

In November 2022, in collaboration with the Nordic Welfare Centre, a webinar was held. The work on combining transcription and analysis of communicative relations and its significance for research and praxis was presented. This was shown by using examples of video analysis and presenting points from the master thesis.

Due to the difficulties with in-depth video analysis online, the network wishes to have one in-person meeting, annually. In spite of this, the network still tries to find solutions to make online video analysis a constructive process.

The collaboration with the Nordic Network on Tactile Language is continuing. Plans for an online event in 2023, between the two networks, is in motion. The main focus of this event will be on the model of the tactile circle from the book "If you can see it you can support it" and video analysis.

Future work:

- Continuing current assignments within the network
- May 2023, open online network meeting where sharing and discussing the work on transcription and video analysis with interested parties are the main goal.
- Planning webinar focusing on transcription, meaning making, and video analysis.

Next meetings:

- January 2023, Online
- March 2023, in-person meeting in Aalborg, Denmark. Combined with this meeting is participation at a workshop given by the Danish network group on Communicative Relations.

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