

2024 Annual Report for the Leadership Forum -

Nordic Network "Communicative Relations"

The network consists of: (As of March 1, 2025)

- **Sweden:** Ingrid Axelhed / Johanna Hägglund
- **Norway:** Håkon Lie / Camilla Tostrup Lyngar / Eline Falch Melhuus / Anne Nafstad (Senior Advisor)
- **Denmark:** Pia Haugaard / Sanne Brink
- **Sweden:** Gøran Forsgren – Coordinator / NVC

Purpose of the Network

The overall purpose of the network is to disseminate knowledge about the theories and models presented in the book ***Communicative Relations***. The network aims to contribute to the development of knowledge-based practice, including through case studies. These case studies will illustrate the development of communicative relations from a dialogical perspective.

The network seeks close collaboration with other Nordic networks within the field of deafblindness, as well as with existing national network groups. A key focus is to strengthen Nordic collaboration—not only between the Nordic networks but also extending to national networks and groups. This approach fosters knowledge and competency sharing while ensuring the network remains practice oriented.

Areas of Work

- Online meetings lasting a few hours approximately every other month.
- Welcoming new colleagues to the network and introducing them to its focus areas and collaborative culture.
- Acting as discussion partners in the development of E-learning modules on Communicative Relations. *Statped* is responsible for this project, with Håkon Lie and Anne Nafstad as project leaders. These modules are expected to be completed by August 2025.
- Contribution to an article in the *Oxford Handbook*, based on casework and video analysis facilitated by the network.
- Collaboration on a presentation detailing the network's development from its establishment (2015) to the present. This was presented at the Nordic Seminar for all networks, organized by NVC in autumn 2024.
- Cooperation on video analysis and the presentation of a specific clip, to be presented at the Nordic Seminar for all networks (NVC, autumn 2024).

Future Plans

- Increased focus on the role of network group leader in facilitating video analysis.
- Spread awareness of knowledge about the E-learning modules on Communicative Relations.
- Continued collaboration with other Nordic networks affiliated NVC, such as *Tactile Language*, with which the network has previously cooperated. Both networks agree that such collaboration benefits Nordic cooperation and professional development.
- Planning contributions to the Nordic Conference in Copenhagen, September 2026.

The network aims to meet in person approximately once a year, as expertise development with video analysis remains challenging in an online setting. Efforts continue to find solutions for making online video analysis a constructive process.

Next Meeting:

Online meeting – April 2025

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