

## 2025 Annual Report for the Leadership Forum- Nordic Network “Communicative Relations.”

**The network consists of:** (As of March 2026)

- **Sweden:** Ingrid Axelhed / Johanna Hägglund
- **Norway:** Håkon Lie / Camilla Tostrup Lyngar / Eline Falch Melhuus (chair as of March 2026) / 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.

The newly developed e-learning program on Communicative Relations will also be one of the network’s primary focus areas for knowledge sharing going forward.

### **Areas of work**

- Online meetings lasting a few hours approximately every other month.
- A two-day in-person meeting in Stockholm February 2025 with a particular focus on the role of lead facilitator for video analysis.
- 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 program on Communicative Relations. Statped is responsible for this project, with Håkon Lie and Anne Nafstad as project leaders.

The e-learning program was ready for use in Norwegian in February 2026. The program will also be developed in English.

- The article “Dialogical approaches to Communication” in the Oxford Handbook, based on casework and video analysis facilitated by the network, is now published - 2026.
- Discussions and preparation of applications regarding the network's contribution to the Nordic Conference, September 2026.

### **Future Plans**

- Planning contributions to the Nordic Conference in Copenhagen, September 2026 (Workshop + Poster Presentation.)
- 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.
- Continued focus on the role of network group leader in facilitating video analysis.

### **Next meeting:**

**Online meeting – March 2026**

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