



Today's knowledge for tomorrow's actions

a Nordic perspective on Deafblindness

Tampere, Finland, 20-22 September 2022

Continuing development of services for people with deafblindness depend on innovation, research and technology. What do we see now – and what lies in the future?

The aim of this conference is to develop and share knowledge, networking and strengthening the Nordic cooperation in deafblindness.



19th September

18.00–20.00 Welcome reception

Social gathering at Tampere City Hall.

20th September

08.30–09.30 Registration

Registration and coffee.

Lobby

09.30–10.00 Opening

Official opening by representants from the Ministry and Kuurosokeat, TBC.

Plenary

10.00–10.15 Introduction to the theme

Maria Creutz, Senior Adviser, Nordic Welfare Centre

Plenary

10.15 – 11.00 Practicing theory - a young field's (re-) discovery of knowledge

Keynote speech

Dr Paul Hart, Head of Research and Practice, Sense Scotland

This presentation from Paul Hart will highlight examples from our history where quality practice was/is: ahead of theory subsequently better understood by viewing it through the lens of existing theory being driven by the application of theory through research.

The presentation will also give you a glimpse of some philosophical and practice discussions from over 200 years ago that were arguably forgotten as our field developed practice anew from the 1960s.





11.00–11.30 Coffee break

11.30–12.15 Today will early correct deafblind diagnosis result in treatment, and tomorrow give cure

Keynote speech

Claes Möller, MD, PhD, Otolaryngologist (ENT) and Professor emeritus in Audiology and Disability Science, Örebro University, Sweden, and the Audiological Research Centre Örebro University Hospital, Sweden.

12.15–12.45 Posters and networking

12.45–14.15 Lunch

14.15–15.00 Workshops (5 sessions)

15.00–15.30 Coffee break

15.30–16.15 Workshops (5 sessions)

16.15–16.30 Energizer break

16.30–17.00 Finnish feature, TBC

Plenary

21st September

08.30–08.45 Practical information

Plenary

08.45–09.00 Moderation/recap

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Moderator Ole Mortensen, Communication adviser and Project leader, CFD, Denmark, opens the day with a recapitulation of yesterday.



21st September

09.00–09.45 Human Rights: From declarations to real action

Riku Virtanen, researcher Åbo Akademi University and European regional representative in WFDB

Freedoms and fundamental rights belong to all people. However, persons with deafblindness were seen as patients and objects of action for a long time. In recent years, there is progress towards becoming an equal subject of society. Through real-life stories, strengthening freedoms offer a better life for all of us.

09.45–10.00 Energizer break

Plenary

10.00–11.00 Conversation on the couch

Personal experiences of deafblindness, from a couple of different views.

11.00–11.15 Coffee break

11.15–12.00 Short talks (3 sessions)

12.00–12.15 Energizer break

12.15–13.00 Presentation of NVC's networks

More information will come.

13.00–14.30 Lunch

14.30–15.15 Workshops (5 sessions)

15.15–16.00 Coffee break, posters and networking

16.00–16.45 Technology and disabilities in a rapidly approaching future - and present

Plenary

Keynote speech

Anita Schjøll Brede, CEO and Co-Founder at Iris.ai

The future of technology is already here, and the pace of innovation is faster than ever. What opportunities does this bring, and what challenges - and can we avoid being overwhelmed by it all, but rather embracing and owning that future ourselves?

19.00–01.00 Dinner and social event





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09.00–09.45 Stay in touch in the future: social connections, communication, and cognition in the tactile modality

Plenary

Keynote speech

Jude Nicholas, PhD, Clinical Neuropsychologist and Researcher, Haukeland University Hospital and Statped, Norway.

09.45–10.00 Energizer break

10.00–10.45 Workshops (5 sessions)

10.45–11.15 Coffee break

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Plenary

12.15–13.00 Closing and looking forward

Helle Buelund Selling, Development consultant, M.Sc, CDH, Denmark.

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