

## For ISAAC Communicator

### Awareness Month Activities:



In October ISAAC Denmark chose to send out a poster showing the rights of Communication for AAC Users to all 98 local Councils of Disabilities in Denmark. Fortunately, this gave us positive response and requests to send more posters!

At the autumn assembly for AAC users in October small video films were made to illustrate the need for better communicative access in the community for AAC users. The films will be distributed on social media, as they are short and very suitable for this purpose.



Unfortunately, we had to cancel our 30 years anniversary event in the beginning of October, but we hope to see many participants at our conference in March.



### Activities on political level in Denmark:

After a general election in June we sent welcome letters to four new Ministers, their areas are: Social affairs, Children, Schools, Education and Health. The Minister of Social and Home affairs has responded on behalf of all 4 Ministers.

We received very positive response. She expresses her understanding of ISAAC's point that we need more focus on the AAC field, and she will pass on our recommendations to her ministry. Also, she wants to visit an institution to get more knowledge of AAC, a visit we are in the process of planning.

Currently we are having correspondence and dialogue with the Institute of Human Rights in Denmark in order to increase the attention on communication and AAC.

### Scandinavian level:

In October the Chairman of ISAAC DK, Birgitte Brandt, was invited to the annual meeting of the Nordic organizations of CP. The meeting took place in Stockholm. This year the theme was "Communication". Birgitte made a presentation where she explained what is happening in the AAC field in Denmark, related to CP:

"Communication – Rights, Knowledge, Practice and Challenges".

It was good to experience how we can inspire each other across countries and across disability associations. More disability organizations have put communication on their agenda, and we hope jointly to put more focus on the subject, using our different contacts to hopefully open up new doors.

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