

## WEEK 13

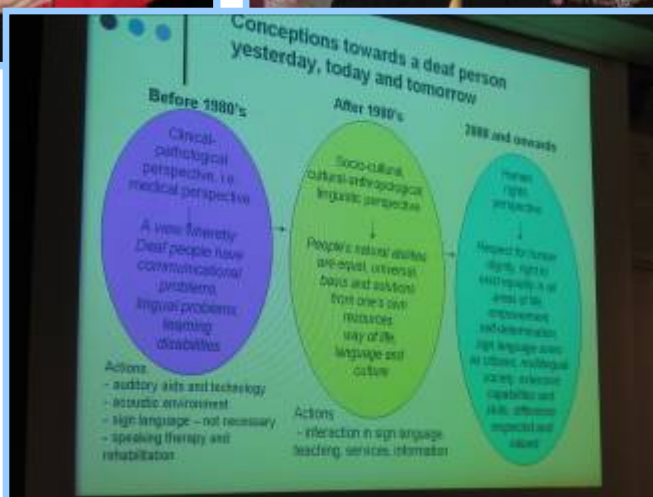
### THE CASTBERG AWARD TO DR. LIISA KAUPPINEN

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2005

The Danish Association of the Deaf and the Foundation of the Deaf of Denmark honoured Dr. Liisa Kauppinen with the Castberg Award, which is given to persons which have played a special role in the Deaf Community in Denmark or the world. Dr. Liisa Kauppinen has achieved really many things, and she is strongly involved in international disability policy. She played an important role implanting Deaf awareness in the UN Standard Rules on Persons with Disabilities. Her work has been continuous and persistent. She is also known for being president of the World Federation of the Deaf.

Dr. Liisa Kauppinen, aged 66, received the prize with great honour. The president of the Swedish Association of the Deaf, Lars-Åke Wikström presented the bust to Dr. Liisa Kauppinen. Lars-Åke Wikström received himself the Castberg Award in 1979. Only these two foreigners have received the Danish award so far. Following the bust is a cheque of DKK 15,000, equivalent to 2,016 euro from the Foundation of the Deaf of Denmark.

Dr. Liisa Kauppinen had a short speech after receiving the award. She presented a short update on her work on the UN disability policies. After this, Frontrunners had a short performance celebrating Dr. Kauppinen. Each Frontrunner had a short poem following the random letters of HUMAN RIGHTS. Our performance was successful, and Dr. Kauppinen thanked us warmly for the beautiful show.



# **FRONTRUNNERS WORKSHOPS WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE NORDIC COUNCIL OF THE DEAF AND THE NORDIC YOUTH COUNCIL OF THE DEAF**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2005

Frontrunners had the opportunity to share their newly achieved knowledge with the members of the Nordic Council of the Deaf ([Dövas Nordiska Råd, DNR](#)) and the Nordic Youth Council of the Deaf ([Dövas Nordiska Ungdomsråd, DNUR](#)). We prepared the workshops during the week, and we decided to try throwing the members into a discussion about the definitions genocide, linguicide and ethnocide. The first part of the workshops involved both councils, which the next part just involved the DNUR, about the Nordic Youth Camps of the Deaf and children with CI.

During the first workshop we enjoyed the attention from the 17 council members from the Nordic countries of Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Iceland and the Faroe Islands. We started with a brief introduction to the Frontrunners concept, and then we divided the group into three parts, discussing the definitions [genocide](#), [linguicide](#) and [ethnocide](#). The discussions kept on for 40 minutes and each group had to come with a recommendation of their definition were the most suitable for the Deaf community. The first group had to suggest genocide as the best definition of the reason of the struggles of the Deaf community. However, people preferred modifying the definition to “linguistic genocide” which would be more suitable for the Deaf community than just genocide.

The ethnocide team had the opportunity to have Markku Jokkinen in their team, and they had good discussions about the eligibility of the definition ethnocide in Deaf terms. Most people thought it was interesting discussing ethnocide, and the definition was new to most of them. The linguicide team had no exact idea if linguicide matched the Deaf community; most people liked the definition linguistic genocide over the other definitions.

# **FRONTRUNNERS WORKSHOP WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE NORDIC YOUTH COUNCIL OF THE DEAF**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2005

Why the Scandinavian crisis of camps of the deaf persons already started with the absence of the young people?

Is what the objectives of camps of the deaf persons Scandinavian are not clear? Does it have a great challenge?

The cause of crisis of camps of the Scandinavian deaf persons:

- absence of candidatures of the young people Scandinavian
- absence of vision of camps of the deaf persons
- lack of the objectives precise and clear - Scandinavian lack of challenge of camps of the deaf persons
- lack of core of the policy of community deaf

- The existence of the other camps of the young deaf persons in Europe and in the world
- the loss of contact between the hearing parents of the deaf children
- and the camps of the deaf persons Scandinavian
- lack of framing of camps of the deaf persons Scandinavian
- change of mentality social: individualism
- change of mode: the young people's preferences to take part in the camps of WFDYS or EUDY
- the provocation of the school integration
- the different generation of the children of CI
- the Scandinavian exhaustion of information of the camps of the deaf persons
- lack of the political autonomy of the DNR: who make completely decisions them