



WEEK # 9

The task: Create a week course for Deaf people with schedule, materials and topics in teams

Four teams were created and they worked with different topics:

1. Ronan, Gordon and Christophe: Business Plan for Deaf Organisations
2. Sarah and Katrina: Leadership course for young people aged 14-17.
3. Minna and Thomas: Deaf History and Culture course for primary schools
4. Jérôme, Filip and Sigrid: Summer Camp for children with CI

Team 1, Business Plan:

They came up with a week course for Deaf organisations about developing a business plan. How can the organisations earn their own money besides the funds and the annual membership fees? The group came up with different ideas and solutions how to raise money. Merchandising is good, but you have to think about how to sell the merchandise. People don't go to the deaf club and ask for 5 t-shirts. You have to be present at Deaf events such as congresses, seminars and big parties. Read the PDF for more details on creating a business plan. The team also suggested making several books instead of one thick book. Several books sold in a bundle are more profitable than one book.

Team 2, Leadership Program:

The team presented an intensive leadership training programme for 14-17 year old Deaf young people. Read the PDF file for more details on the program. The team aims give the young people the tools to become good leaders. The children also have to create a project themselves on one of the last days of the leadership program to use the skills they learnt throughout the programme.

Team 3, Deaf History and Culture course:

The course aims to give the Deaf children in Deaf schools or mainstream schools better knowledge on Deaf history, Deaf culture and the Deaf community. It will be an introductory course about the most important characters in Deaf history, Deaf culture and Deaf community. They will also learn about the Deaf organisations and history of Deaf education. The aim of the course is to give the students a broader knowledge; also the course should be managed by Deaf tutors instead of their teacher, which usually is hearing. Hearing teachers usually only have limited knowledge on these issues. Read more about this course in the PDF file.



Team 4, Summer Camp for children with CI:

Not many children with CI are being taught in Sign Language, most schools only teach in the oral method and the parents only speak to them. The team wants to create a summer camp for these children, and the aim is to introduce them to the Deaf culture and Sign Language. The children will have a more positive attitude being Deaf and use Sign Language. The biggest challenges are the parents who don't allow their children speak Sign Language. More to read in the PDF files