

# Interview with Joe Murray

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On Monday and Tuesday came one speaker named Joe Murray, and told us about two interesting topics. Now I would like to interview him.

## **Who are you and what are you working with?**

I am Joe Murray and am born in America but now I live and work in Norway. The workplace is .... For deaf. There I teach and have some projects. Beside I have studied, and already finished doctor of History. In the last time have I research the history of the deaf world from 1800s. It have happened international, there we have meet and discussed about it.

## **You came and talked about different topics, and can you tell a little about these topics?**

Till now have I been here with Frontrunners and had lessons for them. I who am a history research came with the theory about life as deaf and how the life as deaf was before us. How and what have the changes happen with the time also why the changes happens. The society has influence at we as deaf, but we deaf people also have influence at the society. I will say that we deaf don't only have influence from other each but are open for influences from the society. The society has ideas which bind ties there I am deaf also can bind and there it has influence my life. But one as deaf can have influence at the society. I see and come with the idea named co- equality, there it is e.g. I am deaf and are in the society. Self about I am in the society so I don't fall down because I have own culture, language there it is sign language in a group there it is important. In same time I get support from the group which do that I can manage myself in the society. I hope that we reflect how deaf before us have live, and that we also can live in the society. How we as deaf can live and complete out aims? And who do we see us self as? As visual person, sign language user person, don't hear or we can combine it? It's important that we think about it.

## **In the society has genetic engineering showed up. Today does someone fear it? What are your thoughts about it?**

In the last five years has the genetic engineering about deaf raised, and the same time have we who are deaf discuss it and see that genetic engineering can have influence at us deaf people. One example, it can give the result there born of deaf children became fewer. Also we ask us self about we want deaf people or? If we want deaf people so why do we want? About the genetic engineering so we deaf people have to think about we want to have deaf people in the world. If we want so this question: why? Why the world must have deaf people? This question we have to answer.

Now have Frontrunners had different speakers and I think that frontrunners had possible to think and get different tools, and can get answer the question there it is why the world must have deaf people. I hope that frontrunners and you who see the video think that the problem aren't the genetic but this problem are also me. Yourself must work and show the world why we deaf people are important to have in the world.

**The last question is what you want to say about us Frontrunners?**

I see that Frontrunners are strong and curious and would to know more. They are open for ideas, and I see that they don't fear the future. I see that all Frontrunners have different power and different things which they burn for. I know when the Frontrunners course is finished and spread to different countries. Life as deaf in the countries will become better because the countries have Frontrunners. It is same with international. My vision is that Frontrunners is positive.

**Many thanks to Joe Murray!**