

# Week 6

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Now I am going to tell you all about what we did in this week 6.

## Day 1

In the morning, Filip came and gave talk on Markku Jokinen's theory on Sign Language Users. There are many different people who can be 'Sign Language Users' for example, deaf people, hearing, Sign Language interpreters and teachers. This is specifically state that Deaf people are not part of disability group, in fact the Deaf people are in more specific group, the Sign Language Users.

There are two ways to present yourself, the first way is "Hello I am Deaf" and another is "Hello I am sign language user" well which way do you prefer.

You may see the word 'Users' and wonder what it means, the inventor of this theory is Markku, from Finland and he wrote this theory in Finnish language however the translation from Finnish language into English. It was not easy to correctly translate the meaning of this word 'Users' from Finnish to English and keeping the meaning the same. For example this word 'Users' does mean using a pen, using cars now relating to can you use Sign Language? Another example and English person who speaks English, they are English Users? So therefore the translation from Finnish to English is hard. So achieving this translation- we are Sign language Users.

Afterwards Filip talked about the World Federation of the Deaf, WFD and one of its work, the UN Convention. In 2006, the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities was created. This Convention is important for deaf people across the world, do you want to know why, and you can see the interview with Liisa Kauppinen.

In the evening, one of the Frontrunners, Giuseppe gave a talk on Italian Sign Language, and it was very good.

## Day 2

Today, Mette came to give a talk on the Power of Media, it was really good. The content of this talk is the History of Media and why is Media important? So I ask you question is that if there wasn't any media, would there have been World War? Media today have variety of methods including internet, TV, newspapers, books and many more.

We all were split up into groups to work through criteria, and think about certain theme to research into as a team and standing up to give talk on behalf of what each of their groups have discovered with the guidance from Mette. It was good working experience for all of us. In the evening some of us discussed with Mette further about how media varies in different countries, some other people went to play sport. Then afterwards, we all sat around together with Simon from Frontrunners 2 who popped in to see us for chat in the evening

## Day 3

All day today, Karen came to talk with us about 'Research' and gave us example of different types of researches. There are many different types of research, one for example travelling across the world, researching into new things, or another example is to research into a book, finding out more things or lastly researching into a person, to find out about them. Karen told us about her experience studying Sociology in the past many years.

There are two types of research, the first is Quality, meaning interviews and secondly is quantity by statistical numbers. We as group discussed on how to plan an interview beforehand by coming up with list of questions, and how to write up report after the interview. We then were split up into groups for our practical workshop, in each group there is one person to be the interviewer (to ask the questions), another person to be the interviewee (answering the questions) and lastly one person to observe the interview between the two people and writing up a report on how the interview went. Each of these groups gave report on their interviews to the rest of the group.

In the evening, some of us went for walk outside and the rest stayed behind.

## Day 4

Ole gave lecture on 'Team Performance Model' which has seven stages.

The first stage is where a new group is formed and people within the group tell each other the reason why they all join in this group, and collecting same aims for the group.

The second stage is where each of the members of this group acknowledges each other. Third stage is to obtain clear goals for the group aims; fourth stage is to come up with how to achieve all of these aims.

The fifth stage is to assign roles, Who does what, when and where?

The sixth stage, where the aims have been achieved.

Lastly the seventh stage is the renewal, where all the members of the group come together and discuss and changes that need to be made or to continue with the group.

In the evening all of the FR3 got together and evaluated the whole Frontrunners course with the help of SWOT method.

## Day 5

Today Ole gave talk on High/low power distance. The high power distance is where the inequality between people is expected and wanted. The lesser powerful must be dependent on the more powerful. Teachers/mentors are expected to show all initiative in the class and the conversation. Students handle teachers with respect.

In the low power distance, inequality between people must be reduced to a minimum. Mutual dependence is ok between lesser and more powerful people. The ideal leader is a democrat. Teachers expect students to show initiative, Students handle teachers as equal persons.

In the evening all of us went for night time walking, enjoying ourselves outside.

## **Day 6**

Free day! Some of the FR3 went away from Denmark to their home countries; one of the FR went on mountain hiking, one person went home to see their family, and another went Sign Language Deaf Culture Day. One group drove all the way to Hamburg, Germany to watch Deaf Theatre. The rest of group, who stayed behind in Denmark, didn't stay in Castberggaard, in fact we all went out to Horsens to look around, have lunch and chatted away, it was good day.

## **Day 7**

After a week of lots of learning and working, today was the day to totally relax, some of us have individual work, sport, out for walk etc. In the evening many of the FR came back to Castberggaard, we all caught up with their news from their weekend away to their home countries! It was nice relaxing day.