



NVL´s DistansNet meeting in Iceland, 8-11 December 2005

Present:

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1. Introduction

On behalf of NVL Sigrún wishes everybody welcome to the first meeting. Then gave a short introduction on The Education and training Service Centre (Fræðslumiðstöð atvinnulífsins), NVL and the background for the net. Thereafter all the participants shared information on the situation for DE in their country.

Finland: Jyrki Käppi, Norway: Torild Slåtto, Iceland: Hróbjartur Árnason, Sweden: Christina Lindberg, Denmark; Jørgen Grubbe. There are both similarities and differences in the Nordic countries. The school system has many resemblances, But in Denmark and Finland it DE is prohibited as the mean of education for children and in secondary upper school. It seems that Norway, Sweden, Finland and Iceland are all actively using DE in their adult education but not the Danes.

2. Program:

There was a discussion on the program of the day and we decided that we needed to discuss the following:

- ✓ **What could the network do?**
- ✓ **The goals of the network**
- ✓ **The tasks and division of work**
- ✓ **Plan for 2006 and next meeting.**

3. What could the network do?

The discussion went on to what the Net could do. Sigrún explained why NVL had not assigned the net any particular task. This meeting in Iceland is to establish the net. The role of the net and the goals for its work should be decided by the members of the net. There is a budget for two meetings in 2006 and it is up to the net to decide on the plan and projects. Hróbjartur directed a brain-storming session on ideas of what the network could do and participants came up with many ideas:

What could the network do?

- ✓ **Share experiences**
 - **Exchange experience**
 - **Collect examples of successful DE**
 - **Create Nordic info centre – gateway**
 - **Network cooperation in IF and Nordic**

- ✓ **Teachers training**
 - **Training teachers**
 - **Support creation dissemination of TTT for DE**

- ✓ **Lobbying**
 - **Work with trend setters**
 - **Influence decision makers to support DE**
 - **Stimulate development**

- ✓ **Working place DE**
 - **Develop project to develop working place learning by means of DE**
 - **Collaborate ICT support learning in working place**

- ✓ **Course bank**
 - **Exchange courses**
 - **Accumulate info on offerings**

4. Goals

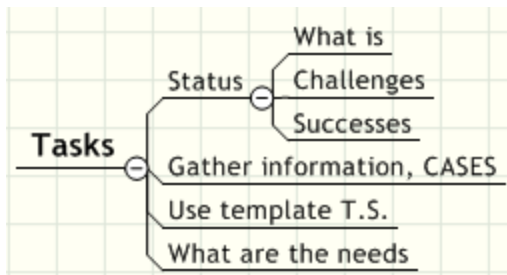
Having listed all the ideas on what the net could do. The group decided it was very important to set goals for the work. After a lively discussion the following goals were listed:

1. **Share info on DE**
2. **Make info on DE courses easily available**
3. **Increase quality in DE**
4. **Enhance digital literacy in the Nordic countries**
5. **Get online pedagogy in teacher student curriculum**
6. **Enhance online Teachers competence**
7. **Study DE in workplace learning**

Then we went on to choose what the priorities should be and it was decided that DE in workplace learning would be very interesting.

5. Next steps

The final part of the meeting was on next steps. Two areas, plan for meetings year 2006 and the work ahead. It was decided that next meeting should be held in Copenhagen on the 28th and 29th of April 2006 and in Turku 25th and 26th of September. Furthermore we agreed that the task we have before us are:



We need to start involving opinion leaders and gather information. Our next step is to do some brain storming during week 3 in January, for a NordplusVoksen application and send in an application. Next we are going to gather cases of Best Practice and use a model from Torild in describing them. From those cases we would like to find out about the needs.