

Finally...

The Swedish National Association for Young People with DLD

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Project "Äntligen!" ("At last!")

Young people with Developmental Language Disorder have long lacked a platform on which to join together and advocate their cause. Over three years, 2019-2021, project "Äntligen!" will start up a youth association for these young people.

The project will lay the foundations for the association, provide study materials and educate young people in board work and how to influence public opinion.

The project also has a social aspect. The association will arrange regular social activities for members and interested young people.

During the course of the project there will be an opportunity for young people to take part in reference groups and working groups. It is important that the young people feel that they are instrumental in shaping their future youth association.

The project is funded by Swedish Inheritance Fund and collaborative partners include the National Agency for Special Needs Education and Schools (SPSM), the Workers' Educational Association (ABF), the Swedish Association of Hard of Hearing Young People Sweden (UH) and several schools across the country that focus on students with language disorders.

What is DLD?

DLD, or Developmental Language Disorder, is an impairment that reduces a person's ability to acquire their mother tongue when compared with others of the same age.

Language is often split into three categories: Form, Content and Use. A person with DLD can have problems with articulation and grammar, vocabulary and word learning and with social interaction and unspoken rules. A person with a language disorder can have problems in one or several of these categories.

Studies in the US and the UK show that between 7-10% of all children today have some form of language impairment. Of these, it is estimated that between 1-2% of children have a severe or very severe language disorder (or "general language disorder" as it is known legally). This 1-2% has major difficulties at school and in social settings.

People with developmental language disorders live their whole lives with the impairment, but with help from speech therapists, special needs teachers and enhancing factors such as family and friends, we can lighten the burden of living with a language disorder.

We need your help.

We need your help spreading the word about the Swedish Association of People with DLD. If you meet any children and young people who may be interested in our organisation, please tell them about us.

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