

Workshops

Thursday, 18 September 2025

10.40-11.40



10.40-11.40 (60 mins.)

Theme:

How I use “Fun and Playfulness” in my work with people with physical, mental and learning disabilities.

Presenter(s):

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I would like to tell you about how I use fun and playfulness in my everyday work in the Community Village Sølund. I would like to tell you a few stories about 4 of the people living where I work, and how I have used fun and playfulness to help in different ways. I will tell you about my 2 toy birds Boneless Bob and Bitchy Betty and how they help me in my work and how their different personality speaks to the connection with 2 of the people living in House 40.

I will tell you about how I use small homemade videos on an iPad to document our relationship and history, and how it gives Thomas great joy to watch them both with me and my colleagues, and furthermore it gives Thomas a connection between his home in Sølund and his childhood home with his parents. I would like to show a small video of a toothbrushing situation, were I suddenly got a success with a Playfull approach, so going from toothbrushing being a thing Daniel didn't like, to being a thing he asks for and remembers himself. And finally, I will tell how a little toy mouse in the refrigerator helped a woman getting a good start of the day.



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Theme:

Gentle hands – perspectives on a Gentle Teaching tool

Presenter(s):

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In the North Denmark Region, we present the invaluable role of the hands through the slogan ‘In good hands’, both in the social and health field and for every citizen. Even the logo shows the heart – life and love itself – supported and protected by safe and embracing hands. With both the motto and the illustration, we express that there is a continuous focus on safety, professionalism, competences and care, so that everyone, without exception, can feel that they are... well, in good hands! It speaks directly to one of Gentle Teaching's central tools, where the hands contain a lot of symbolism, life story and intention, and where touch is one of both intuitive and conscious ways to contact and connectedness.

Hands can do SO much and tell SO much!