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Symposium: Digital participation of young people with disabilities

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For young people, digital technologies have become integrated as a mode of life, where use of social media, gaming etc. across multiple devices blend into almost all relations and practices in everyday life as a *multi-modal digitality*. Inclusive societies and citizenship have thus become impossible to realize without the digital dimension. Across disability groups, intersections between risk and benefits related to digital communication are poorly understood. While 'young people's digital lives' is generally a well-reflected and documented research area, not much research has been done on the digital lives of young people with disabilities.

To address this, we hereby invite you to a small research symposium at Aarhus University. The symposium will explore methods for investigating the area by inviting researchers in the field to discuss choice of research design and concrete methods in relation to different aspects of the overall aim mentioned above. Our overall plan is to provide a sound foundation for one or more applications for further funding and research and to build network among scholars within this – and related – field(s).

We will address questions like: How can we include young people with different disabilities in our research? How can we understand and study digital practices? And how can we create a relevant theoretical and methodological framework for our research? These questions will be addressed through (invited) talks as well as through workshop formats and shared discussions.

Venue: Aarhus University, Aarhus C. (room t.b.a.)

Programme		
9.00-9.30	Welcome. Stine Liv Johansen, AU & Louise Bøttcher, DPU/AU	Welcome + introduction to our research. Where do we start?
9.30-10.30	Åsa Borgström, University of Gothenburg	Young people with intellectual disabilities and internet: Challenges and opportunities in qualitative research
10.30-10.45	Break	
10.45-11.45	Andreas Lieberoth, Aarhus Universitet	Studying and intervening in digital wellbeing with sequential mixed methods: Thoughts behind the Aarhus NOBE-project
11.45-12.30	Discussion	
12.30-13.30	Lunch	
13.30-14.30	Ditte Lystbæk Andreasen, Aalborg University	Digital communities of young people living with cognitive disabilities: mapping the use and meaning of digital technology using visual and tangible artefacts
14.30-14.45	Break	
14.45-16.00	Structured discussions of what have been learned and plans for future collaborations (including ideas for research applications, conference participation etc.)	