

Dbi Newsletter

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1st Deafblind International Africa Conference: Call for Papers

Deafblind International (Dbi) in collaboration with the Ministry of Education of Kenya and other partners is pleased to announce the 1st Dbi Africa Conference which will be held at the Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE) in Nairobi, Kenya from Thursday 12th to Saturday 14th May 2022.

The conference theme is “Deafblind Reality in Africa: Meeting the Sustainable Development Goals – Opportunities and Challenges”.

Paper submission guidelines and registration for the conference can be found at [Dbi official site](#).

Abstracts, presentation slides, and final papers should be submitted online via email: africainconference@deafblindinternational.org ONLY.

Presentation formats should be in form of oral, poster, virtual, or workshop. Paper submission guidelines and more information on the Conference can be found [here](#).

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The Latest Issue of Dbl Review #66 is Published

The latest digital issue #66 was released in October 2021. You can download it [here](#).

In this issue, you will find

- news over the last six months,
- articles on the DASH-3 and Vineland-3 Assessment Instruments, Reference Objects, Perkins Quality Indicators Research,
- three interviews with a deafblind sportsman, an artist, and a model,
- advice on going to hospital in the time of Covid-19, and more.

Call for papers for the next spring issue is available [here](#).

Network of the Month



Each month, DBI ComCom is pleased to spotlight one of the 14 Networks. Please let us introduce the Network of the month – Technology network. Chairs shared with us the results of the great work they do in [this video](#).

Stories to Share

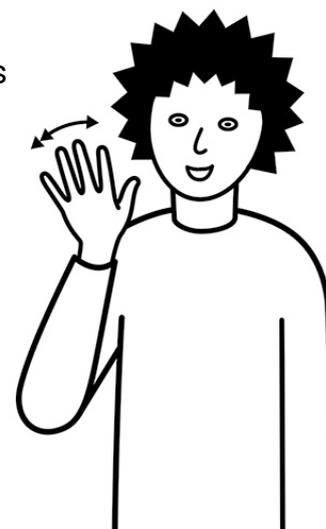
Dbl aspires to be the global hub for deafblindness. In this month, communication focus was on Technologies. We asked people with deafblindness how inclusive technology enable them to join the global connection. Read the stories at the Dbl site.

Season Greetings In Any Form And Language!

Dbl is all about connection in deafblindness worldwide. To connect we need to understand each other. And that means diversity: Building bridges across multiple cultures and multiple languages.

Let's show the world that we can do it. Starting today we post what YOU are sending to us. Greet your Dbl-friends in your main language and wish them a healthy and happy rest of 2021 and a wonderful start into 2022.

The start makes this [video from Sense International India](#).



Introducing the New Deafblind Interaction Website



The [Deafblind Interaction microsite](#) is designed to engage readers in the spirit of thoughtful inquiry, rather than bulleted lists of procedures. It makes use of questions that prompt the user to think about the world of learners who are born with a combined vision and hearing loss. Located within the Texas Deafblind Project website, these pages are intended to provoke thought, reflection, and further inquiry among educators, families, and others interested in the development of individuals who are congenitally deafblind. The

microsite is not intended to be a “how-to” guide for instruction.

The microsite explores some of the following:

- experiencing the world through the sense of touch
- investigating how to initiate interaction
- sharing meaningful experiences
- co-creating formal language with the learner who is deafblind

The site includes video commentary from experts in the field, including Jan van Dijk, Barbara Miles, Paul Hart, Gunnar Vege, and Bernadette van den Tillaart. It also features numerous video clips of learners who are deafblind illustrating some of the concepts explored on the site.

Learn more about the site through an introductory webinar.

We recently [featured the Deafblind Interaction microsite](#) in our TSBVI Coffee Hour series. [Watch the recording](#) to learn more.

Yarn Bombing for Deafblind Awareness – June 2022

In June, twenty countries from around the world came together one stitch at a time to raise awareness about deafblindness on a global scale through yarn bombing.

Yarn bombing is a form of street art where yarn that is knit, crochet or wrapped adorns an object in a community space.

We are hoping for more colourful and collaborative yarn bombing installations and participants in this June’s awareness campaign. That’s right, yarn bombing is back by popular demand!

Grab your knitting needles, crochet hooks, colourful yarn and unwind! Details about yarn bombing in June 2022 are coming soon!

