

CHARGE Network

Andrea Wanka reports:

The Dbl CHARGE Network met during the time slot allocated on Wednesday August 28th, 2013 during the Dbl European Conference. We hoped that some of the people who were unable to attend the pre-conference on August 24 would participate in the Network session along with those who attended the preconference. In total, 28 participants attended this excellent opportunity to have a face to face meeting of the Network.

After a greeting, the network leaders Andrea Wanka (Germany) and Gail Deuce (UK), gave a short report on the preconference. This was followed by a video from Eva Karlsson (Sweden) featuring a child with CHARGE Syndrome learning to ride her bicycle in her own way and time. Further discussion followed about Eva's presentation and additional topics.

There was a great wish by the professionals in attendance to increase the level of sharing with each other. This led to the decision to use the website www.dbicharge.org as the forum for more active in-depth discussions of various topics. There was agreement that the first step would be to discuss further about social-emotional skills, which was one of the main topics during the preconference. Further topics suggested for future discussion included sexuality, sensory integration, behavior, pain, autism, the needs of families from the professionals, etc. The Network Meeting closed with a video of a case study by Andrea Wanka.



Participants at the Network Session during the Dbl Conference in Lille

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