



# Invitation til forskningsprojekt



### Hørpå os!



Project flyer

## **Summary of presentations and discussions**

Our main obstacles for user-led participation in the Hear me out project, has been the user group as a core group, and our short timespan in the SEMPRE Ace project, and of course the Covid 19 outbreak.

The participants with mental difficulties have been running the micro project, in close collaboration with the educators, but they do not have the surplus of energy to facilitate the whole process on their own. The goal has been to transfer some main elements to users in the project. To be able to make a podcast on their own, to facilitate meetings and host debates concerning getting their voice heard. To get volunteer to support the project, and to make a user created union for the project. We have not reached all the goals yet. Our first goal has been to establish ourselves and work to obtain financial sustainability. Our focus has been on advertising the project and getting the financial support to continue the project after the end of the SEMPRE Ace project.

# **Documenting our events**

Over a period of 4 months, we have facilitated 3 seminars and 2 smaller meetings for potential partners in the Hear me out project. In all the seminars and meetings, we have discussed the regional eco-system for the Hear Me Out project, including barriers and obstacles, good practices, and success factors for the project. In this report I will summarize the outcome and potential future cooperation with potential partners. All the meetings have been facilitated via Zoom. Documentation will be Screenshots from the meetings, programs, flyers, and slides from our presentation.

As an overall presentation to our project, we made project flyers to create awareness in the immediate area. We then preceded to prepare PowerPoint presentation for the seminars.

With some small variations, the presentation consisted of 3 parts:

### *The international context:*

SEMPRE - Social Empowerment in Rural Areas aims to develop empowerment-based services for and with people from vulnerable groups in remote areas. The project involves partners from the Baltic Sea, and each country is working on a microproject. The participants in the micro-projects are, for example, long-term unemployed, single parents, people with (previous) abuse and people with mental or physical disabilities.

### The Danish project:

The Danish micro project is called Hear Me Out! and is a collaboration between people with mental difficulties, UCSyd (occupational therapist and pedagogical education) and SEMPRE Ace. The purpose of the project is, to give people with mental health problems the opportunity to have a voice and have their voice heard. Participants work with their stories in kitchen conversations and interviews and find individual or common ways, to share the stories and get a voice. For instance, some participants have developed their own podcast, while others have been involved in teaching at UCSyd. The participants' experiences off working with their own story and voice, gives courage and confidence to go new ways in life.

### Collaboration across:

In the project we work with two different ways to connect practice, basic education, and the development project Hear Me Out. In the pedagogical education the project is integrated into a study time project, where the students in groups meet people with mental difficulties through kitchen conversations and interviews. At the occupational therapist program, students could apply to participate in a talent course that is linked to the project. This also creates the opportunity for an interprofessional collaboration between the students from the two programs. In the students' evaluation, it is emphasized that the meeting with the participants about their stories, creates learning in a new and exciting way, but also that a very clear framework is needed, when the students are expected to participate in the development project.



### The annual science seminar at UCSYD 10 March 2021

The seminar was a national science and development conference. In our online presentation we had 45 participants consisting of students, teachers, researchers, and participants from the Hear Me Out project. The goal for the presentations was to create awareness for the project at a national level. When the SEMPRE Ace project ends, the goal is to continue working with UCSYD, and students' projects at the occupational therapist and pedagogical education.

The outcome has been, future financial support from the occupational therapist and pedagogical education, the opportunity to continue the Hear Me Out projects, to make kitchen talks and interviews with new students, and for the current participants in the project to continue making their voice heard, in cooperation with UCSYD.

Another outcome has been, the opportunity to participate in a new empowerment project.; The SOFIE project.

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Hear Me Out! – et empowermentprojekt hvor mennesker med psykiske vanskeligheder får deres stemme hørt

Projektet tager udgangspunkt i det internationale projekt SEMPRE – Social Empowerment in Rural Areas, der har til formål at udvikle empowermentbaserede tilbud til og sammen med mennesker fra udsatte grupper i yderområder. Det danske del af projektet Hear Me Out! inddrager mennesker med psykiske vanskeligheder og har til formål at give mennesker med psykiske vanskeligheder mulighed for at få en stemme og få deres stemme hørt. Deltagerne arbejder med deres fortællinger i køkkensamtaler og interviews og finder individuelle eller fælles veje til at dele fortællingerne. På pædagoguddannelsen er projektet integreret i et studietidsprojekt og på ergoterapeutuddannelsen som et talentforløb.

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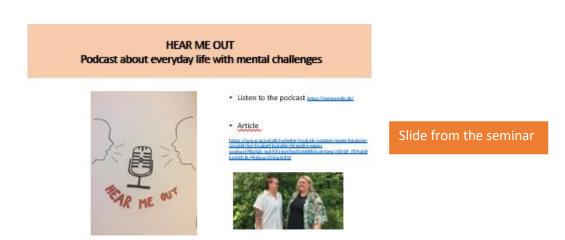
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# The educators at the pedagogical education – January 20 - 2021

The seminar was an internally facilitated seminar, for the educators at the pedagogical education. The goal was to cultivate new relations with new educators, in other areas off the pedagogical department at UCSYD. Through the project, users have been participating as co-educators at UCSYD. Our goal is to include the users more in the education and show other educators the benefits and the empowerment potential.

The outcome has been creating more awareness and establishing new connections with other educators and their network. As a bonus, we were able to get some financial support from UCSYD. In the future, when we are including users as co-educators, they will get paid as co-educators.

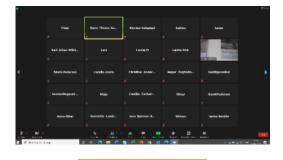
Another outcome has been the connection with another project *For the common good*, in the city of Esbjerg, and a small meeting where we discussed future collaboration. For the common good is a project, where you, through volunteer mentoring courses, help to support, and guide new Danes with an ethnic minority background, for a minimum of 3 months. The mentors in this project are all people with mental difficulties.



# The pedagogical educated instructors in the region, at an institutional level – January 29 - 2021

The seminar was facilitated for all the pedagogical educated instructors in the region, at an institutional level. The main goal was to create more awareness and to establish new connections with instructors in the region at an institutional level, and to get more users to the Hear Me Out project.

The outcome has been a new interest from the social psychiatry department in Esbjerg. A small meeting was planed with some users and pedagogical educated instructors, we discussed future collaboration with UCSYD, and the possible collaboration between the social psychiatry department in Esbjerg, and the city of Vejen.



Zoom participants

### The last SEMPRE Ace meeting and the future of the Hear Me Out project.

The Current users, all want to continue the collaboration with the Hear Me Out project. The social psychiatry department in Vejen want to continue the collaboration as well. Our new partner, the social psychiatry department in Esbjerg, also want to be part of the future project. None of our current users in the project, has indicated that they want to continue the Hear Me Out project, without the support from UCSYD.

We have planned a final meeting on the 18. of May. The possibility of a physical meeting has made us postpone the meeting. Hopefully, we will be able to facilitate the meeting in May, for all the participants in the project. On the agenda we will discuss user-led participation, and willingness.

## The Topics:

- How to make a podcast on their own.
- How to facilitate meetings and host debates concerning getting their voice heard.
- How to get volunteers to support the project.
- How to make a user created union for the project.

The main goal is to help the users take leadership / control of the project. If they do not have the surplus of energy to do this, we have established a sustainable relationship with UCSYD. This means, we have the finances and support to continue the Hear Me Out project in the future.



MP Breakfast/Lunch meeting