

Overview 2018

ETC was founded in 2009 and is a non-political, non-profit association based in Örebro. ETC works with sign language accessibility issues and runs the web-based sign language translation tool, www.spreadthesign.com, with establishments in 34 countries. In terms of production, there are now over 420,000 characters in spreadthesign.com and the number is increasing all the time.

Organization

The organization 'European Sign Language Center' (ESLC) has a main objective to manage, improve and develop Spread the sign. ESLC is a non-profit organization where most work is done by unpaid volunteers. The association has a few employees whose salaries come from the various projects. ESLC are hiring mainly deaf people and sees this as an important part of the work of Spread the sign.

The project manager for the Spread the sign is Thomas Lydell. He is also the person behind the idea of this web based sign language dictionary. Thomas is a volunteer of the association, and therefore he doesn't get any salary from the organization.

The work of the organization

During the year, Vega Ranstam was replaced by the Board and Helena Andersson Wikström has jumped in. The Board now looks as follows: The Chairman is Robert Byström while Cora Samoila is the wide Chairman, Thomas Lydell is Treasurer, Helena Andersson Wikström and Mikael Sundberg are members.

We have visited the studio of two German high school students, two Belarusian translators, one American actor, two Indian actors and two Syrian actors.



Project during the year

- Erasmus + - University and University Council.

A three-year EU project with 12 participating countries. A project we completed and will give Spreadthesign 1000 new geographical signs on the map as well as a tool for teachers to share homemade learning materials with each other (SpreadLesson).

- Erasmus + - University and University Council.

A three-year EU project with 4 participating countries. Where we will get new sign languages for Greece, Bulgaria, Cyprus and Syria.

- Erasmus + - University and University Council.

A three-year EU project where we will build 360-degree photographs with hot spots linked to the database of character videos, for the vocational gymnasium. We had a kick off in the fall of 2018

- Leonardo Ukraine / Belarus - Swedish Institute.

A project where we recorded the sign languages in Ukraine and Belarus with 15,000 characters each

International meetings during the year

June in Doncaster, England. The final meeting of the Spreadlesson project

October in Lokabrunn in Sweden, where we also met the municipality of Örebro and got to see their work for the European sign language capital.

We also had an information and dissemination meeting, nationally for Sweden, together with the Sign Educators in September in Örebro



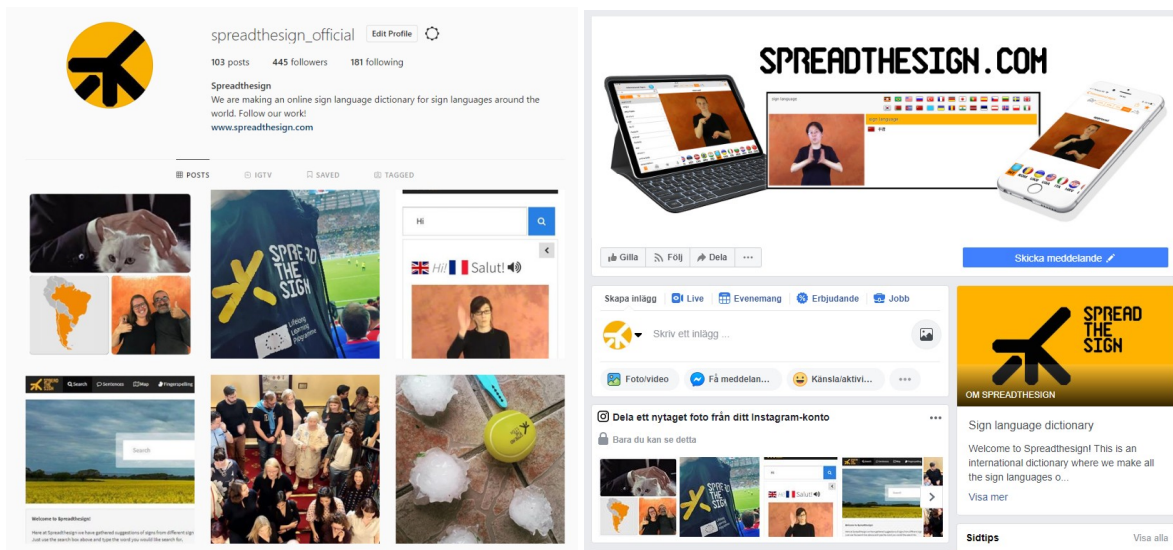
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Dissemination meeting in Örebro September 2018

Response

Our Facebook page and Instagram account are growing with more followers.



Statistics

The statistics come from Google Analytics and refer only to our web users at www.spreadthesign.com (data from the summer months were lost, hence less than last year)

