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ABOUT ME

I am Jaana Aaltonen, a deaf woman from Finland. I breathe, dream, and live for the deaf community and full human rights. Sign Language is my mother tongue, and I have a deep understanding of deaf culture. In addition, I come from a deaf family, I have a deaf husband, and two of my four adult children are also deaf. I have extensive experience in leadership, pedagogy, and cooperation with diverse parties. I value humanity and understand the diversity of people. I am very creative and motivated by new challenges.

SKILLS

Leadership, interaction / communication skills, information technology skills, social media skills, presentation skills, networking skills, organizational skills.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Finnish Sign Language (native), Finnish (native), English (advanced), Swedish (intermediate), German (elementary), International sign (fluent), American Sign Language (fluent), Swedish Sign Language (fluent)



EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Sep 1997 - May 1998: Special teacher, University of Helsinki

Sep 1987 - Mar 1992: Master of Education, University of Turku

1984: Matriculation examination, Kuninkaanhaan lukio, Pori

Aug 1981 - May 1983: General upper secondary school, Pori

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Jun 2014 - Present: President of Finnish Association of the Deaf Finnish Association of the Deaf, Helsinki

Aug 2022 - Present: Special Teacher (of the Deaf), City of Helsinki

Oct 1999-2022: Special Teacher (of the Deaf), City of Turku

Aug 2011 - May 2012: Full-time teacher, Turku Christian Institute

Aug 2008 - Jun 2009: Vice-principal, C.O. Malm's school Elementary/Secondary school of the Deaf, City of Turku

Aug 2007 - Aug 2008: Deputy principal, C.O. Malm's school Elementary/Secondary school of the Deaf, City of Turku

Aug 1997 - Dec 1998: Principal, Folk High School of the Deaf, Helsinki

Aug 1992 - Feb 1996: Full-time teacher, Turku Christian Institute

Jun 1990 - Aug 1990: Development co-operation, Sign Language Instructor, Finnish Association of the Deaf and Zambia Association of the Deaf, Lusaka / Zambia

Aug 1986 - Jun 1987: Special needs assistant, Turku School of Hearing Impaired