

## DEAFBLINDNESS – A SHORT INTRODUCTION

“Being deafblind is like being deep underground where there is no light nor sound. At first I had difficulty breathing but later I realised there was plenty of air”. Yolanda de Rodriguez, Colombia

This quote very aptly describes the experience of many deafblind people.

Deafblindness is a multiple disability experienced by people who have both vision and hearing loss. The deafblind community is small but also very diverse.

In these pages you will find various articles dealing with deafblindness as a unique disability, but also as a part of the community of persons with hearing loss. The articles will be about academic issues e.g. reaching a workable definition about deafblindness as a disability, and the practical experiences of individual deafblind persons in getting on with their daily lives.

It is important for us that we submit the kind of information people really want to read about.