



**Open senses,  
create dialogue.**

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### **Communication is not a luxury, but a right!**

**"In dialog"** is a guiding motto of Tanne. It sounds nice, but it is much more than that. It focuses on genuine interpersonal encounters. And it takes communication seriously as a right of people with corresponding limitations.

This right is also anchored in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). All articles are based on the need for effective communication.

Tanne therefore supports the co-authored CALL TO ACTION of the International Communication Rights Alliance ICRA. ICRA calls for the UN CRPD Commission to, among other things, take action to raise awareness of people with comprehensive communication needs and the special and specialized competencies and assistive technologies required accordingly.

Tanne also actively supports the just launched national AAC petition. It calls for early and ongoing care and support for people who rely on various forms of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC).

The communicative need in congenital deafblindness is usually central. It then affects all areas of life. In particular, available and competent caregivers are necessary. Competent for a dialogue relationship, in which often tactile forms of communication are crucial.

**Further information:** <https://uk-schweiz.ch/petition/>