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Deaf Studies workshop

Let's get to know better the activities of the Deaf community

Events and Organizations of the Deaf people

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Social-political life of community



Social-political life of Deaf community

The Deaf community is enriched by a wide range of **organizations** and **associations** that meet its different **needs** in these aspects:

- Social
- Cultural
- Athletic
- Political
- Spiritual



Social-political life of Deaf community

These groups create **Deaf spaces** where individuals can communicate freely in **sign language** and interact with others **without barriers or prejudice, sharing** experiences and exchanging advice.



Through this sharing, they can finally connect with people who truly understand them.

Social-political life of Deaf community

In practice, these organizations offer a variety of **services**, including cultural and social **activities**, sporting events, political advocacy, and spiritual experiences.



The Deaf community is **diverse**, with numerous special interest groups that address the needs of specific sectors. Examples include organizations of Deaf women, Deafblinds, Deaf BIPOC groups, LGBTQIA+ Deaf communities, and various religious groups.



Social-political life of Deaf community

Organizations serve different areas of interest at different levels:

International level

Regional level

National level

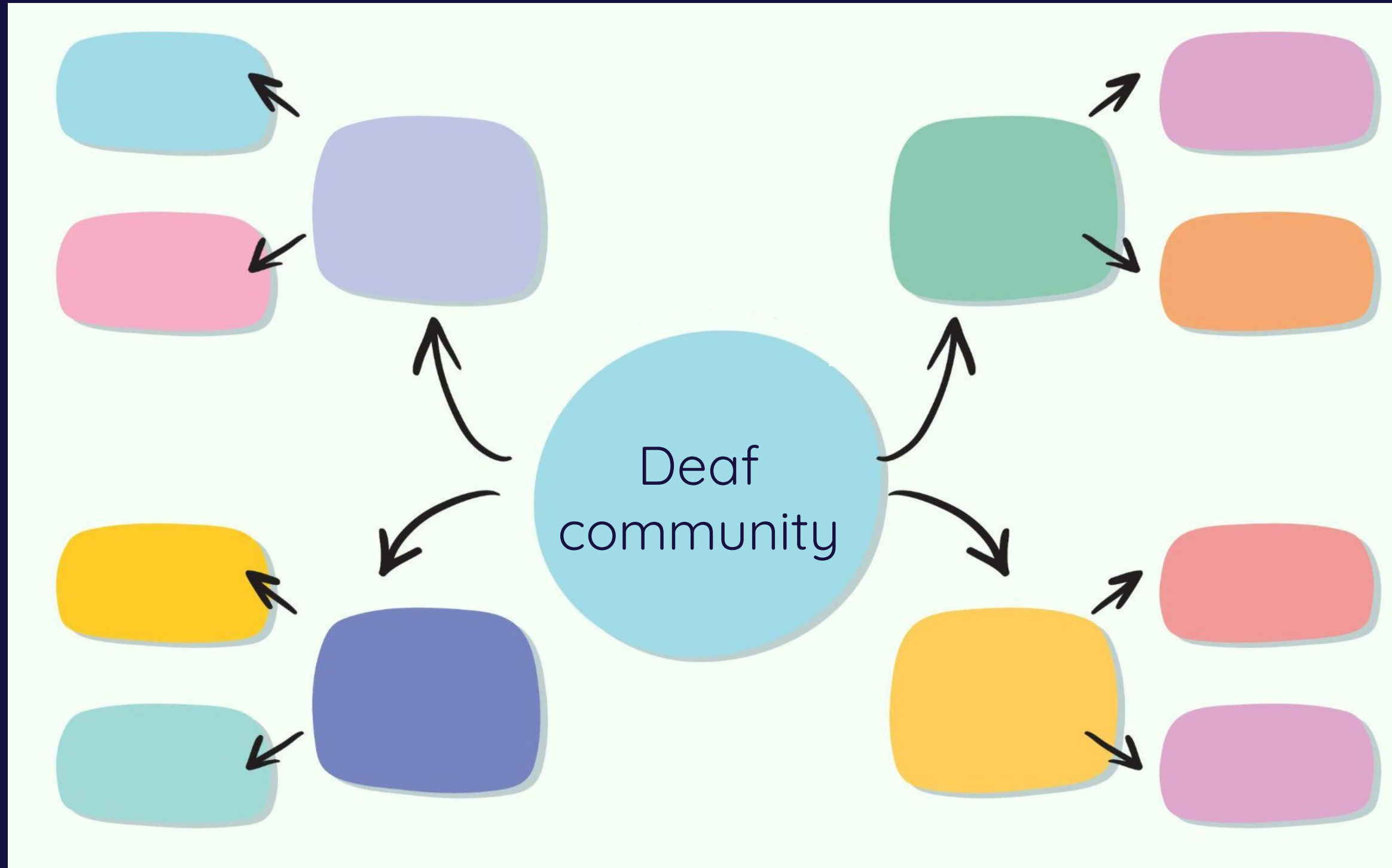
Local level



They often provide services and host events that bring together Deaf individuals from various backgrounds, creating opportunities for networking, cultural exchange, and advocacy.

Mind map of Deaf events and organizations

Activity
all together



1. Area of interest
2. Level:
 - International
 - Regional
 - National
 - Local
3. Activities, events

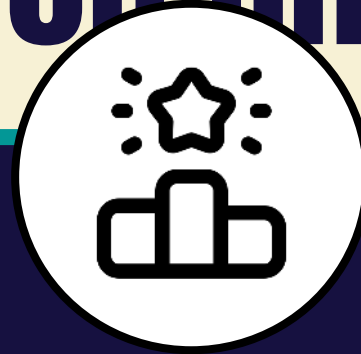
Group activity

Choose an organization or a major event and conduct a SWOT analysis.

For advanced
participants

SWOT ANALYSIS on an organization or event

The good

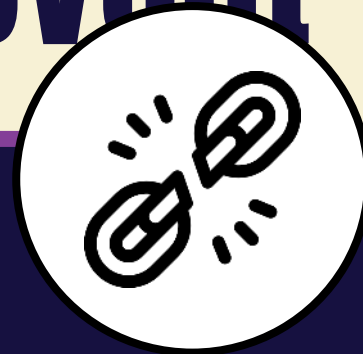


STRENGTHS

- What distinctive resources or skills does it have?
- How is it positively perceived by the community?
- How can past successes create future advantages?

What's available

The not-so-good



WEAKNESSES

- Which areas need improvement?
- Are there limited resources or skills gaps?
- What do members or the public often criticize?

What's out there

- What changes can help growth?
- Are there partnerships that could make it stronger?
- Are there new needs that could be addressed?

OPPORTUNITIES



- What external factors could threaten activities?
- Are there competitors that could reduce support?
- Could changing public perception create risks?

THREATS



Final group discussion



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