

**Bryndis Gudmundsdottir**, M.A. CCC–SLP, is a speechlanguage pathologist. Her specialist areas, for over 25 years, are in the field of oral motor problems and articulation, voice and resonance, including neurological impairments and cleft palate, deafness and cochlear implants. Bryndis has worked with both Icelandic children and children that have English as a first language. Bryndis has worked for Hospitals, with Otolaryngologists

and other specialists, Pre- and Elementary Schools, as well as operating a private Speech Clinic with colleagues at Reykjavik Speech Center (Talþjálfun Reykjavíkur). Her own company; Raddlist (VoiceArt), provides services in the field of education and health, along with development and production of products in the field of speech pathology.

Bryndis is a recipient (2011) of "The Special Recognition Award from Global Women Inventors & Innovators Network (GWIIN) and the Icelandic Women Inventors Network (KVENN), for her latest publication "Learning and Playing With Sounds". The Publication has been described as "a unique project and pioneering work in the field of speech pathology based on the innovators clinical practice and studies for over 25 years".

#### **PRESENTATIONS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES**

Raddlist offers presentations, seminars and conferences that introduce the underlying methodology for "Learning and Playing with Sounds". Simple result driven techniques that rely on clinical based practice and research are presented with real examples for parents and professionals.

#### A VERY SPECIAL MOM: – EINSTÖK MAMMA



"A very special mom" a children's book, based on a real life experience of a child who has a deaf mother, was awarded the best children's book award by the Educational Board of Reykjavik, Iceland, in the year 2008. Bryndis writes about her own experience and feelings, with the purpose to open other children's eyes for the fact that not all parents are alike. Bryndis hopes to convey to children that some parents may communicate differently or have

a handicap that makes them "different" but they have the same feelings and the same right to be heard. The book can be used to explore the value of multiculturalism and bilingualism because comparable situations of children that have parents of foreign origin are highlighted. Published by Salka-forlag. Illustrations by Margret Laxness. The book is in preparation for German and English translation and publishing.

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Learning and playing with sounds or "Lærum og leikum með hljóðin" is an articulation project developed for children, parents and professionals. It started from Bryndis Gudmundsdottir's Masters Studies in Speech and Language Pathology in the U.S. with late Dr. Bernard Silverstein, a Professor of Articulation and evolved throughout the years.

Two Icelandic illustration- and graphic artists; Halla Solveig Thorgeirsdottir and Bui Kristjansson, have made a wonderful contribution to the project.





# THE BOOKS

Three articulation books have been published. The first book published in 2008 introduces all the consonants in Icelandic. The order of sounds is based on clinical experience of the author and researches on how and when Icelandic children acquire the sounds. The other books emphasize the R and S sounds with gradually more complex assignments as the sounds are practiced in the initial, final and medial position and more phonological features are introduced.

### **ARTICULATION KITS**

Three articulation kits have been published with same emphasis as the articulation books. Each kit includes instructions and ideas on how to use the material, the book itself, all pictures in the book in a double set of cards for practicing and larger gameboards.





All this material needs to be organized and sorted. Special kits are provided that fit the picture cards.



# STICKERS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

Kids love stickers of the characters from "Learning and playing with sounds". They can be used in different ways. They include both consonants and vowels.

### **ART- AND PLACEMATS**

material with new visual and auditory ways.

Great for use at home and school. The multipurpose placemats are excellent at the dinner table for plates and glasses and for art work. The sounds can be practiced at the same time as the children follow each picture frame. Choice of four colors.

# **DVD WITH SOUNDS AND PICTURES**

Mani and Maja, the main characters in "Learning and playing with sounds" introduce symbols for each sound following the method. The sounds and pictures fly into the screen and actor/singers, Felix Bergsson and Vedis Hervor Arnadottir, representing the characters of Mani and Maja, play and sing joyful music made especially for this project by Vedis. Children's choir and excellent musicians perform to make the theme song a great *sing a long music* for children. The DVD enhances the use of the



