

Sami Culture Policy Summit 2019

March 6th 12.00 a.m. – 7th 2019 13.00. p.m.

**Location in Teepees on the main square
(Rådhusstorget) in Umeje/Umeå, Sweden.**

The Sami Culture Policy Summit will contribute to the future of Sami cultural policy by raising awareness about the situation of indigenous peoples and the Sámi cultural sector in all parts of the Swedish society. At the summit, we will discuss the future of culture policy in Sápmi and the development of the Sámi cultural sector; how to reach out to new audiences, expand networks and create new opportunities for Sami artists and organisations.

Sáhkke, as organizer, invites cultural actors in Sápmi and the Nordic region, international and indigenous experts, Sami culture organisations and artists, government agencies, politicians, civil servants, researchers and professionals involved in the Sami community.

The summit is the central theme of Umejejen Biejvieh's – Sami week's - 20th anniversary organized by Sáhkke.



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Long-term direction for Sami cultural policy

The role of culture in community building and visibility of indigenous peoples are essential, in line with international experiences. By inviting international and indigenous experts to the summit, we want to explore other perspectives and examples of policy and development.

The Sami cultural institutions in Sweden have the ambition to visualize, problematize and contribute to the understanding about the Sami people. The Sami cultural institutions – Giron Sámi Teáhter (theatre), Sámi Duodji (handicraft), Tráhppie cultural centre, Sami Library and Gaaltije, south Sami cultural centre, alongside the Mountain and Sami Museum Ájtte, are the main arenas of Sami culture. The funding from the Swedish state towards Sami culture is seriously underfinanced and eight times lower than that of the Norwegian state. Hence, Sami culture institutions exist on a fragile basis that limits its possibilities.

Sweden is repeatedly criticized for the treatment of its own indigenous people. Primarily, the international criticism is about strengthening the opportunities for indigenous peoples to retain and develop their culture in their traditional land areas, to participate in meaningful and effective decision-making processes at local, regional and national level and to secure Sami influence in decisions that affect them. Critics also stress the need for specific legislation to protect Sami rights.

Sáhkie – Umeå Sámi association has therefore taken the initiative to a summit with the aim of highlighting, cultivating and creating a strategic long-term direction for Sami cultural policy in Sápmi, as part of indigenous peoples in the world.

Visit our website:

www.sahkie.se/en/summit/

6th of March

10:00	Registration
12:00	Lunch in Teepees at the main square Rådhusorget
12:45	Performance with Maj Doris Rimpi and Åsa Simma
13:00	Welcome Michael Lindblad, president of Sáhkie Sami Association
13:05	Opening speech Amanda Lind, Minister for Culture and Democracy
13:20	Keynote Stephen Loft, Director, Creating Knowing and Sharing: The Arts and Cultures of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples
13:50	The Sami Culture Institutions and their conditions
14:20	The Sámi Parliament, Ingrid Inga
14:35	The Conditions for Sami Artists. Panel discussion with Sami's from different cultural fields
15:05	Coffee break
15:30	Keynote Kaisa Rautio Helander, Professor of Sami onomastics at Sámi allaskuvla, Guovdageaidnu, Norway Decolonization of naming practices: Right to designate and retain indigenous names for communities and places
16:00	The four Northern Regional Council's in Sápmi/Sweden
16:25	Performance with Biret Risten Sara
16:40	How can Sámi cultural development be strengthened? Panel discussion with Sámi representatives and official and politicians in the cultural sector
17:20	Summing-up day 1
17:30	Sami art by Umeå university, shown at Rådhuset, Rex
18:30	Dinner at Sävargården
20:30	Coffee and mingle at Tráhppie, performances and opportunities to visit Sami camp's

7th of March

09:00	Summit day 2 starts with performance
09:10	Sami Culture and the future – what's in it for Sami children and youth? Panel discussion
09:35	Keynote Dale Turner, professor at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, USA, works mostly on Indigenous rights, sovereignty, and nationhood in Canada. He is a citizen of the Temagami First Nation on the homelands of the Teme-Augama Anishinaabe in northern Ontario
10:00	The importance of indigenous rights for cultural and social development
10:35	Coffee break
11:00	Performance
11:15	How do we proceed? Conclusions of the Summit.
11:50	Closing remarks for Sami Culture Policy Summit 2019
12:00	Lunch in Teepees at the main square Rådhusorget