RIGHTS FOR SÁMI PERSONS WITH DISABILITY –CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES



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Date: 10th of November Place: University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Yliopistonkatu 8, Rovaniemi, Finland Venue: Lecture halls Is 12 and Is 13 Time: 09:30-16:00

Do persons with a Sámi background and disability face other challenges than other persons with disability? Do the Sámi culture offer other opportunities for persons with disabilities? What conditions do the local, regional and national society have to offer in order allow Sámi persons with disability to live to their full potential?

Come and learn about the latest research in the field and what the United Nations are doing to handle issues in relation to indigenous people with disability. You'll also here persons talk from their own experience growing up in a Sámi context with disability.

Programme

09:30	Welcome by University of Lapland By Sanna Valkonen, Associate prof. of Sámi Studies
09:35	A Sámi welcome by Sámi parliament By Tiina Sanila-Aikio, The president of Sámi Parliament
09:40	United Nations' indigenous-specific mechanisms' work from a disability perspective By Alexey Tsykarev Expert Member in United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
10:10	My challenges and opportunities -Sámi with disability By Piera Jovnna Somby from Norwegian Sápmi and Ara Aikio from Finnish Sápmi
10:40	Coffee break
11:00	Rights for persons with a Sámi origin and rights for persons with disability in Finland By Viveca Arrhenius, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health in Finland
11:30	Results from interviews with Sámi persons with disabilities in Sweden By Margaretha Uttjek, researcher at University of Umeå

12:00	Lunch

13:15	Results from a Sámi/Norwegian study
	Findings and areas to find out more about.
	By Line Melbøe, researcher at the Arctic University in Tromsø
	Campus Harstad (TBC)

13:35 A Finnish/Sámi study about experience of persons with disabilities. By Lydia Heikkilä, Liisa Hokkanen and Elsa Laiti-Hedemäki,

By Lydia Heikkila, Liisa Hokkanen and Elsa Laiti-Hedem researchers at the University of Lapland

13:55 Influence on services by Sámi persons with intellectual disability

By Gry Bogetun at County Governor of Finnmark

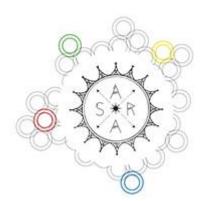
14:10 SámiSoster's work

By Ristenrauna Magga, executive director/ Sosiaalineuvos at SámiSoster.

- 14:30 **The perspective from the disability organizations** Kalle Könkkölä, executive director of the Threshold association
- 14:50 Coffee break
- 15:10 Reflections from the participants and audience
- 15:30 **Reflections from the day and the way forward.**

15:55 **Closing remarks** By University of Lapland and Nordic Welfare Centre

Moderator of the seminar is Anna Dahlberg, Nordic project leader at the Nordic Welfare Centre





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