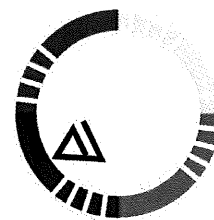


INVITATION

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Invitation to participate in the Sami Parliamentary Assembly's (SPR's) joint Sami Youth Conference on October 2-5, 2008 in Lycksele

You are invited to participate in SPR's second Sami Youth Conference, "Sápmi into the Future", which is scheduled to take place on October 2-5, 2008 in Lycksele, Sweden.

Aim

The aim of the SPR Youth Conference is to strengthen the Sami youths' political engagement and participation in the Sami community development as well as increase the contact, solidarity and co-operation between Sami youths over national borders.

Participants

Youths from Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia are invited to the conference. The conference welcomes all Sami youths. The size of the conference is estimated to include about 120 participating youths. Since the age limits are 16-30, it is 'first-come, first-serve'. When the planning-committee representatives for each respective country choose the participants, they will be taking into consideration the factors of an even spread of ages, geographical location and equality.

The respective represented Sami parties of the Sami Parliaments of Sweden, Norway and Finland are invited to participate with one (1) delegate each. The Sami youth organizations are invited to participate with two (2) delegates each.

Contents

The conference hosts are the Sami Parliament and Youth Council of Sweden. Together with representatives from the Sami Parliaments of Norway and Finland, we offer a very interesting conference with several current and important themes:

- Sami meeting places: physical or visual?
- My way into politics; This is how I became involved by politics; The combination of children & politics, is it possible?
- The Children's Ombudsman's report: The right to participation and influence by Sami children and youths.

- Sami public health with emphasis on depression, bullying, suicide: From negative to positive thinking.

There will be rewarding group activities, question forums and plenum discussions that shall result in a resolution and report.

Evening Activities

No conference is complete without get-togethers! The evenings' cultural activities will include elements of dance, yoik, concerts, etc. SPR, the Sami Parliament and the Youth Council emphasize that this conference is a drug-free function.

Economic Compensation

The Youth Conference shall compensate your expenses for the most economical/reasonable form of transportation, board and lodging, as well as other travelling expenses.

Practical Information

Thursday, October 2nd, is the travelling day to Lycksele. The conference begins on Friday morning, October 3rd, at 9:00 am, and ends on Sunday, October 5th, at about 12:00 noon, with lunch before departure.

The conference will take place at Ansia Camping, Sommarvägen 1, in Lycksele, Sweden.

Shared-living in cabins at Ansia Camping, Sommarvägen 1, in Lycksele, Sweden.

Travelling to and from the conference is organized by each respective Sami Parliament and country.

This is how you apply:

A binding application, at the latest, by September 1st, 2008. Send an e-mail to: spr.ungdomskonf.2008@sametinget.se, and you will receive a replying e-mail message with instructions on how you apply to the conference.

NOTE! In the case of absence without prior cancellation at least a week in advance of the start of the conference, you will be personally charged a fee of 200 SEK for covering any extra expenses.

Within two weeks after the last date of application, information will be sent out about participant confirmation, potential reserve placement, the Youth Conference programme and about travelling and lodging.

Welcome to the Youth Conference and Lycksele!

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Sami youths, ages 16-30 years

Sami parties representative of respective Sami Parliament

Sami youth organisations in Sweden, Norway and Finland

Sametingets Undomsråd (the Swedish Sami Parliament's Youth Council)

SUPU – Sametingets ungdomspolitiske utvalg (the Norwegian Sami Parliament's Youth Council)

