



RIGHTS FOR SÁMI PERSONS WITH DISABILITY –CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

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 Jovvna 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, 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

