



# **Invitation to Sámi Education Conference Reshaping Approaches to Indigenous Education**

May 30 – June 1 2017

Diehtosiida, Kautokeino, Norway

Sámi allaskuvla will host an international conference: *Sámi Education Conference: Reshaping Approaches to Indigenous Education*. The aim of the conference is to share experiences from the indigenous world within the field of education. The conference will present stories from Sámi early childhood education, Sámi schools, Sámi teacher education and other Sámi and international indigenous education institutions.

Themes of the conference are:

- children's and students' voices
- teachers' own stories
- traditional knowledge and language in education
- indigenous teaching

We call for contributions that are about Sámi and indigenous education in early childhood institutions, primary schools, higher education, and other educational institutions. The conference will be arranged around *duddjon & lávostallan* sessions (traditional craft works, knowledge exchange and hanging out in the *lávvu*), keynote speeches, paper, poster and film presentations and workshops sessions.

The conference keynote speakers are Professor Veronica Pacini-Ketchabaw from Western University, Canada, Dr. Kabini Sanga from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, Dr. Mary Caroline Rowan from Concordia University Montreal, Dr. Sean Asiqłuq Topkok from University of Alaska Fairbanks, Ph.lic. Aimo Aikio, Dr. Pigga Keskitalo and Dr. Ylva Jannok Nutti from Sámi allaskuvla.

Sharing experiences and knowledge exchange between indigenous peoples can contribute to the implementation of culture-based education. Examples from work carried out in Sámi early childhood intuitions, primary school, and teacher education during the project *Engaging the voices of Sámi children: Sustaining traditional knowledge through kindergarten, school and community knowledge transfer* will be highlighted. The goal of the conference there is to relate this work to similar work in Sápmi and in other parts of the world. We therefore welcome teachers, educators, researchers, and students to share their experiences.

The conference language is English, Nordic languages and Sámi, and presentations in the auditorium will be interpreted. Sámi presenters are encouraged to give their presentations in Sámi.

**We welcome contributions from researchers, teachers and students! We call for abstract to paper, poster and film presentations, and workshops sessions!**

Further details of the conference can be found at the conference webpage

<http://samieducationconference2017.weebly.com/>

Submit your abstract and suggestions to a paper, poster or video presentation or workshop session <http://samieducationconference2017.weebly.com/abstracts.html>

Teachers from early childhood educational institutions, primary school or educational centers or students that are presenting at the conference do not have to pay for their conference fee.

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