

# FEST 2014

Skellefteå / Malå / Umeå / 8-12 June

Programme for the FEST Conference 8 - 12 June 2014  
in Västerbotten, Sweden: *Storytelling in Movement*

**4** days of storytelling and networking in Västerbotten,  
the County of Storytelling, in northern Sweden – *programme »*



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## SUNDAY JUNE 8

**20.00 Meet, Eat and Greet** – a picnic by the river, a taste of Europe, a mix of food and drink from your home country. So bring something to eat, or drink, that is possible to travel thru Europe, something to share with the other participants. We are 83 participants but you only need to bring something small, something for a buffet, a taste of your culture.

## MONDAY JUNE 9

**08.00 - 09.00 Breakfast**

**09.00 - 09.30 Opening of the conference – icebreaker**

**09.30 - 09.45 Presentation by the Swedish hosts, program overview**

**10.00 - 10.10 A short break**

**10.10 - 11.00 A Look At The Past To See The Future:** Mats Rehnman & Coppelie Cocq.  
About the roots of storytelling, the language and the imagery of orality and the context in which stories appear.

**11.00 - 11.20 Coffee, tea & networking**

**11.20 - 12.15 Discussions on this subject**

**12.15 - 12.50 Feedback**

**13.00 - 14.00 Lunch**

**14.00 - 15.00 Västerbotten Storytelling Region – Our Journey**  
Background stories, how we started collaborating, and why.

**15.00 - 15.30 Coffee, tea & networking**

**15.30 - 16.30 Sub-group discussions on the following subjects:**

Group 1: Västerbotten Regional Theatre & Västerbotten Regional Museum:  
Cultural heritage and performing art in a storytelling collaboration.

Group 2: Skellefteå Storytelling Association: Storytelling for joy, learning and integration.

Group 3: Västerbotten Storytelling Region & Storytelling Festival:  
Regional development by using storytelling as a tool.

**16.30 - 17.00 Reports from discussion groups**

**19.00 Dinner at Stiftsgården**

**21.00 After dinner: “Stories from Sweden”** – storytelling evening outside in the surroundings, with Storytellers from Sweden.

## TUESDAY JUNE 10 *Here And Now, A Day In Koppsele*

**08.00 – 09.00** *Breakfast*

**09.00 – 11.00** *Travel by bus to Malå, to Koppsele*

Koppsele is a unique place. Across the county of Västerbotten, there have been hundreds of forest Sami settlements. Of all these, only one has been preserved – Koppsele. To understand the Sami history, it is important to be able to see and feel the living conditions that Sami people had. In Koppsele you can do that. We are delighted to welcome you and share some of our culture in a place where cultural encounters occurred from the Stone Age to the present.

**11:30 Walk with stories & Joiks on the Sami culture,** Jörgen Stenberg

Nesting sites, migration routes and the resting places of holy goddesses. An old Sami landscape is a place rich in interest and history. On the two kilometre walk to Koppsele you will be following in the footsteps of the people who created these ancient paths. For those who have trouble walking, we can offer a boat trip.

**12.15–13.30** *Lunch outside*

**13.30–15.00** **Workshops on Sami culture:**

- Joik
- Shamanism
- Handicraft
- Food
- Herbs

**15.30–17.00** **Workshops on Sami culture** (change groups)

**17.00** **Preparing food**

**19.00** *Dinner outside & joiking, singing, storytelling.*

As part of the evening activities we will be part of an exciting fishing tradition that is common in many parts of northern Sweden.

**22.00** *Walk to the road and bus to the hotel*

This day we will be walking, and we will stay outside the whole day, so it is important to wear shoes for walking in the forest, and clothes for outdoor activities. Keep an eye on the weather reports for Malå in Västerbotten to see what the temperature will be. We hope it will be sunny and warm (18 – 22 C )

## WEDNESDAY JUNE 11 *A Look At The Future*

**08.00 – 09.00** *Breakfast*

**09.00 – 12.30** *Travel by bus to Umeå, a stop at Mårdseleforsen, a river with a large waterfall.*

**13.00 – 14.00** *Lunch at the County Museum in Umeå, Gammlia*

**14.00** **"Cooperation within Europe" a future perspective,**  
The Västerbotten Storytelling Region, Anders Karlsson

**14.30** **Safeguarding the intangible cultural heritage** – how they got the  
UNESCO accreditation, Eva Andersson, Ljungby Storytelling Museum.

**15.00 – 15.15** **Introduction for seminars, workshops and discussion groups**

**15.30 – 17.00** **Seminars - Workshops – Discussions**

- 1: Promoting Storytelling in a digital world.
- 2: Tellers without borders.
- 3: Improvisation and storytelling.
- 4: Regional cooperation for building a storytelling culture
- 5: Storytelling to Educate for Life

**17.15** *Tea, coffee & sandwich in the Dancehall.*

**Sum up and a "hand over" to Greece.**

**19.00** *Travel by bus to Västerbacken, the conference hotel.*  
*Dinner and party by the sea.*

## THURSDAY JUNE 12

**08.00 – 09.00** *Breakfast*

**09.00 – 11.00** **FEST General Meeting:** finances and structure

The General Meeting of the FEST International Non-Profit Organisation will be held on the last morning of the conference: Thursday June 12th. All member organisation delegates are invited to attend the General Meeting to discuss and vote on FEST INPO issues. If your organisation wishes to put in a bid to organize the FEST conference in 2017 (for those of you who don't know, each year the conference location is changed), please remember to bring in a short presentation regarding when/where/why so we can determine where FEST will be held in 2017.

FEST General Meeting: financial report, proposal for a more stable board.

FEST General Meeting: mission and vision

**12.00** *Lunch*

**13.30** *Buses are leaving for Umeå*