



FEST conference Västerbotten, Sweden 8 – 12 June 2014 Storytelling in Movement

Letter of invitation to the FEST Conference 2014

FEST and the Swedish Storytelling Network would like to invite you to take part in the FEST conference 2014. This year it will take place in the Storytelling region of Västerbotten, in the north of Sweden. The theme of this year's conference is "Storytelling in movement" and aligned with the storytelling tradition we'll be moving around in time and place, this time by coach.

Here is a brief summary of the programme for the conference:

8th June - We start in the evening with a 'meet and greet' international cocktail in the storytelling town of **Skellefteå**.

9th June – In **Skellefteå**, we travel into the past to connect with the roots of humanity and storytelling. Storytelling is in constant motion, changing with the context.

10th June - We come back to the present, to the 'here and now' in **Malå**, to Sami Storytelling tradition. We will eat the food from the forest and artists from the Sami culture will teach us how to joik. Under the midnight sun, we will create and share a special storytelling event.

11th June – We look to the future in **Umeå**, the Cultural Capital of Europe 2014. The focus is on sustainability and cooperation for strengthening and development. There will be practical workshops with useful tools to inspire new, innovating ideas related to the world of storytelling.

12th June: The conference finishes in the morning in **Umeå** with the Annual General Meeting of FEST.

There will also be time for sharing and networking and at the same time you will get to know the Swedish Storytelling tradition, from North to South!

The conference fee for FEST members: 2500 skr (*270€) - 2900 skr (*313 €)

Non members: 3300 skr (* 356€) - 4100 skr (* 442€)

The fee includes accommodation for the 4 nights, all meals during the conference and travels between the three venues. (* this is the exchange rate for today, 9/1 2014)

Registration and payment will be on a website that will be launched 23 January.

We will announce this in an email. On this site you will also find information about booking your flight **to** Skellefteå, and **departing** from Umeå.

After the conference you can join Ljungby Storytellingfestival 13 – 17th June. You can travel by flight to Stockholm and then by train to Ljungby. Please contact Ljungby festival for further information: kontakt@ljungbyberattarfestival.se