

Boazoeallin and Workshop "Your Every Day Life Combined with the Reindeer Herders" Exhibition + Workshop

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Abstract

“Boazoeallin” - The Everyday Lives of Reindeer Herders The circulating exhibition tells about reindeer-herding families in the herding districts in the vicinity of Inari, Finland at present. The exhibition spotlights the everyday lives of reindeer-herding families from their own point of view. The snapshots taken by family members show this life from perspectives that are seldom used. The snapshots represent both traditional Sámi skill in herding and the reality of reindeer herders today, telling about their delights and concerns. This rare collection of pictures brings the daily life of an Arctic culture, developing with the modern world, close to the viewer. The families open their homes and their daily concerns to the world with joy and pride. The photovoice project involves picture analyzing with the families, discussions, and reflections of their lives. The exhibition offers pedagogical art workshops for the visitors.

The exhibition has been set up by Korinna Korsström-Magga (MA), and it is part of the artistic section of her doctoral thesis called “Art-based research presenting the daily life of the Sámi reindeer herders in Finland.”

Workshop: "Your everyday life combined with the reindeer herders"

The workshop involves actions inspired on the exhibition. There is room for discussion and questions. The materials used in the workshop are based on items of reindeer combined with traditional fine art tools and means. The participants picture their own realities and daily lives getting inspiration from the reindeer herders pictures.

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