

## Riddu Riđđu 2010



At the end of July, we volunteers from Narviksenteret spent 5 days on Riddu Riđđu, the international indigenous culture festival in Kåfjord, North Norway, which is with around 3000 visitors one of the largest Sami festivals.

It was a beautiful nature experience for us. The whole festival area was surrounded by mountains and it was amazing to watch the sunrise on the top of them during the night. Camping in the midnight sun was totally new for all of us.

In the following you can have some impressions of our stay on the Riddu Riđđu festival, our volunteer work and the people we met there:

The first challenge was to build up the tent, which was a special kind of Sami tent: Lavvo...



In this special tent, you are able to make fire because there is a hole on the top.



Unfortunately our result was more a toxication emergency than a warm tent.

However, lucky us! It was not difficult to find some friendly people who invited us to a nice evening in a tent with a correctly prepared fire place.



Not only our drum player George was a big attraction...



... also the press was very interested in us, especially in the group's internationality.



There was a big offer of attractions e.g. a big market, where different cultures were selling their products or gave concerts, either traditional music or music for youngsters.



Our working place was the foot service. Even though we had to work the whole night it was not too hard due to the reason that there was daylight all night long, so we had some really nice partners and a lot of reindeer kebabs to prepare...



In summary, we were spending a great time together. These five days have been a good way to get to know each other better and especially for the two German girls, Steffi and Sina, the time was very advantageous: They arrived in Narvik only three days before!



Finally the festival was over and we had a nice trip back home, enjoying the great landscape of Norway!

