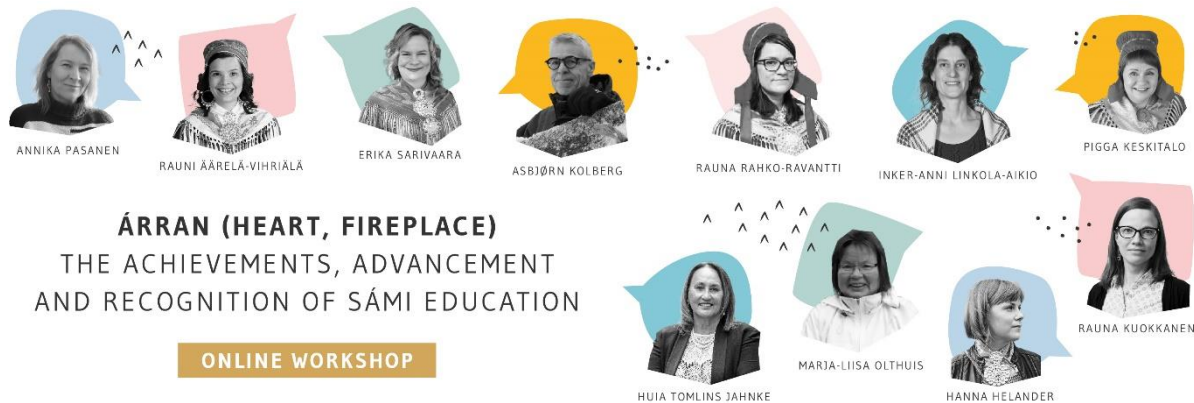


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Sámi archives as an infrastructure and partner in educational research

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Abstract

Founded in 2012, the Sámi Archives is a special unit in the National Archives of Finland. Currently, the Sámi Archives collection includes 80 private archives, 300 sm. The Sámi Archives preserves valuable analogical and digital records of Sámi cultural heritage for future generations, and it is seen as a part of the repatriation process involving Sámi cultural heritage. The Sámi Archives has a special interest in introducing and applying indigenous understanding and practices within a national governmental heritage institution.

Since its founding, one of the Sámi Archives' central tasks has been to support and promote Sámi research and to develop a solid infrastructure for Sámi research in collaboration with research institutions and education. As part of a network of cultural heritage and memory organizations, the Sámi Archives aims to improve services for the Sámi people and sociological research and education on Sámi culture. In this presentation, I will show, through examples, the different ways that the Sámi Archives worked together with educational researchers during its nine years of existence, and I will discuss some possibilities for and challenges to educational archival research.