



# Norwegian Crafts Development - NHU

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Our experience

# Action-borne knowledge



Preserving, passing on and developing crafts as knowledge, means of expression and profession.

Knowledge transfer takes place through a practical learning situation, where experienced practitioners teach a person who is acquiring the skills and knowledge.

## Register of Craftsmen and Craft enterprises:

- Started 1987
- Today available and seachable on the web
- Secure historical important information
- Helps individuals or organization to find skilled craftsmen
- Face-lift on the web



## Projects concerning the transfer and documentation of craft skills and knowledge:



- The tradition-bearer, the apprentice, and the person responsible for documentation.
- More than 300 different projects 1987-2010.
- A project could contain: Film, video, slides, pictures, reports, sketches, drawings, logs
- New database to make the material seachable
- International projects

# Secretariat for rare and protected Crafts -SSV

- National responsibility for the small and rare crafts
- Provide information to individuals seeking training
- Publish information on the crafts existence.
- Help training enterprises that are looking for apprentices
- Provide the educational authorities with information.



# Craft scholarships

- From 1996
- 3 year-scholarship for craftsmen.
- Seached competence both in a national and an international context.
- Important in order to accept craftsmens knowledge also on a higher level.



# RFF and NHU: The Norwegian NGOs



- The Norwegian Council for traditional music and dance est. 1973
- Norwegian Crafts Development NHU est. 1987
- Both NHU and RFF has worked on behalf of and assisted UNESCO on different levels.



## 2006-2009



- Norway is ratifying the ICH-convention.
- Ministry of Culture are responsible.
- NHU and RFF gets the accreditation as NGOs
- The Norwegian Parliament gives NHU and RFF a main responsibility for ICH.
- NHU gets extra funding in order to organize ICH-cross-over projects
- RFF and NHU is represented at the UNESCO-meeting in Abu Dhabi



# 2009-2010



- RFF and NHU has been hosting two national conferences on ICH. Hopefully the will be one more in 2010.
- Both NGOs represented in the national workgroup in order to make a report on the behalf of the Norwegian Ministry of Culture
- The report will be published end of 2010.
- ICH-Centre?