

**NATIONAL WORKSHOPS IN SWEDEN, LÄNSMUSEET GÄVLEBORG, 12 May 2007 and HÖGSBY, 15 March 2008.**

The first national workshop was held in Länsmuseet Gävleborg, on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2007, on the theme: "Cultural heritage as a resource when the oil is finished". The speakers/lectures included:

- *Marie Byström*, Centrum för biologisk mångfald/NAPTEK: Local know-how as a resource for global environmental questions.
- *Eva Carlborg*, Läns-hemslöjds-konsulent, Hemslöjd Gävleborg: Knowledge of materials, consequences for man, health and environment.
- *Kelvin Ekeland*, Nordiska kulturlandskapsförbundet: What can a modern world learn from the energy system of summer farming.

The workshop was attended by 11 participants, including two members of the CULT RURAL team and 9 other individuals representing public organisations, NGOS and museums. The workshop dealt with traditional skills and low energy farming, concentrating on knowledge about materials, methods and energy, locally based but in a global perspective. There are abstracts from the three lectures available (in Swedish only at the moment).

There was also a second national workshop organized on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2008 in Staby gårdshotell, Högsby community, in the south-east of Sweden. The workshop counted 24 participants. This time the workshop concentrated on countryside entrepreneurs, who have built their companies on traditional skills but with a new approach. The participants mainly belonged to the local heritage movement.

The theme of the workshop was: "What has local heritage movement to offer for the future?" The speakers/lecturers included:

- *Birger Svanström*, ordförande i Sveriges hembygdsförbund/ Chairman of the Swedish Local Heritage Federation: Local heritage and the future.
- *Lena Bergils*, CULT RURAL Sweden: Information about the CULT RURAL project - aims, working methods, partners, achievements so far etc.
- *Patrik Evertsson*, Emåmejeriet: Milk products with a clear (and local) origin.
- *Carole Larsson*, Greby ostkaka: Traditional delicacy from Småland – cheese pudding.
- *Lennart Davidsson*, Frödinge hembygdsförening: Patient, strong, ecological power – oxen.
- *Marie Byström*, Centrum för biologisk mångfald/Naptek: The mission of NAPTEK. Man, animals and plants. Local heritage – global climate.

The participants also discussed the various methods and possibilities to continue work along the line presented by the CULT RURAL project, how to engage young people in the local heritage movement and how to deal with problems concerning long transportations of food stuff, complicated system of rules, best practice and network building.

The abstracts from the lectures and a summary of the discussions are under editing. Some power point presentations are available.

The invitation to and information about the workshops was widely spread and also available on the website of the Swedish Local Heritage Federation. The material from the two workshops – lectures and discussions - will be edited into one single report and then also translated into English and included in the final report.