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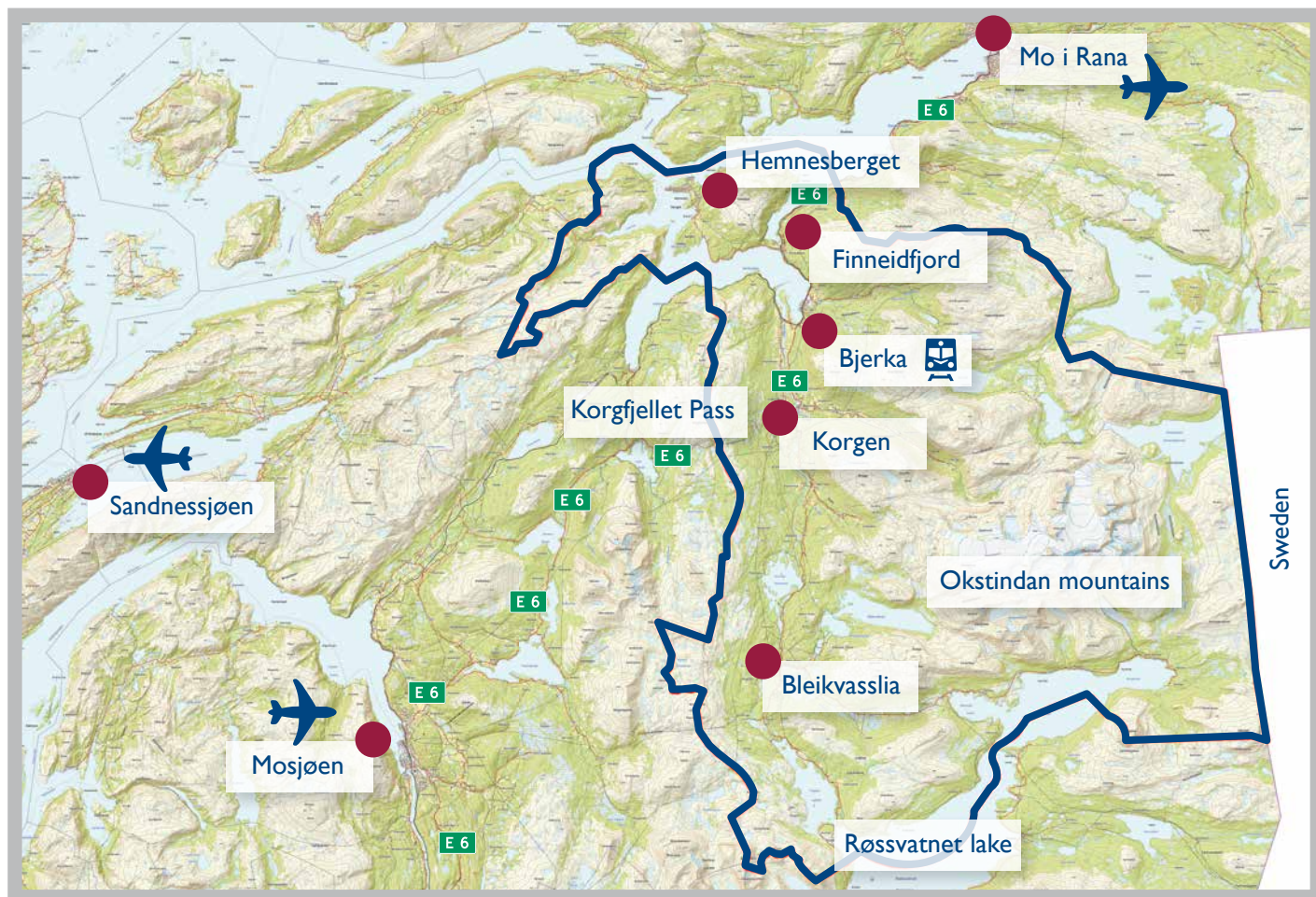
Welcome to Hemnes and Helgeland



Hemnes kommune
Skaper glede mellom smul sjø og evig snø

Municipality of Hemnes

- in the heart of Helgeland
and Norway



Distances from Korgen

Bleikvasslia	20 km
Hemnesberget	30 km
Mo i Rana	40 km
Mosjøen	50 km
Sandnessjøen	70 km
The Arctic Circle	120 km
Bodø	270 km
Trondheim	440 km

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Welcome

– to join our community, create a business or visit us

The Municipality of Hemnes has a lush green countryside, idyllic valleys and five villages: Bleikvasslia, Korgen, Bjerka, Finneidfjord and Hemnesberget. The total population is about 4500.

Hemnes has a varied business community, friendly services and a thriving community of artists and musicians.

The municipality is known for its quality boat-building, window and furniture factories, agriculture and significant hydropower production.

Our cultural calendar includes popular summer festivals and exciting events year round. We take pride in sharing our Sámi heritage.

In Hemnes you will also find Northern Norway's highest mountain, a large glacier, Norway's second-largest lake and sheltered fjords, wonderful fishing opportunities, and a wilderness that tempts you to memorable adventures.

Hemnes is situated in the heart of Helgeland.

Our municipality enjoys excellent communications. Many residents commute to jobs in Mosjøen, Sandnessjøen and Mo i Rana. Hemnes has railway connections to destinations north and south, highway E6 passes through our district, and there are plans for a new and larger airport at Mo i Rana, which is only a 45-minute drive away. We also have several marinas and deepwater quays.

Here in Hemnes, we enjoy scenic surroundings. Our community has plenty of room should you wish to settle here, with your family or business!

Please turn the page to learn more about Hemnes – the creative community in the heart of Helgeland, nestled between sheltered seas and eternal snow.

Welcome!



Hemnes kommune

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Enjoy the countryside

– while having towns within easy reach

The Municipality of Hemnes is conveniently situated between the three largest towns in Helgeland. While you will find most of the amenities you need locally, it is good to know that the towns of Mo i Rana, Mosjøen and Sandnessjøen are within easy reach, whether you are commuting to a job there, going shopping or for leisure activities. And you won't see any rush-hour traffic!

Modern tunnels and brand-new stretches of the E6 highway have made your drive faster and far more convenient. If you prefer to leave your car behind, just take the train or bus.

Because we are so conveniently located, our residents enjoy life in the countryside, while having a wide choice of jobs and career opportunities. Likewise, people who establish a business here are able to offer their products and services to a much larger community. Truly, Hemnes is ideally situated right in the heart of Helgeland and Norway!

In a few years, a new and significantly larger airport will open in Mo i Rana, opening up greater opportunities for cheaper and more efficient travel, business-related as well as for leisure. That said, you don't have to travel anywhere for an exciting holiday. The Helgeland region is one of the most scenic in all of Norway, and it is just waiting to be discovered.

We invite you to join our community. Take a look at our available residential and commercial real estate. You will also find many great plots of land upon which you can build your dream home. Please contact us for additional information and helpful advice.





BJERKA and FINNEIDFJORD

The villages of Hemnes:

BJERKA – the village in the centre of our municipality has a train station and easy access to highway E6.

FINNEIDFJORD – this village is situated between two fjords, only a 20-minute drive from the town of Mo i Rana.

BLEIKVASSLIA – our mountain village sits by the scenic Wilderness Road (*Villmarksveien*) and the Okstindan range. A great place for winter adventures.

KORGEN – the municipal centre of Hemnes sits by the Røssåga river, between the Okstindan range and Korgfjellet Pass.

HEMNESBERGET – our festival village by the fjord has a great community of creative people.



Hemnes – a great place to grow up!

Did you know that in UNICEF's review of how much local communities invest to ensure a good quality of life for each child, Hemnes topped the list in 2019?

One of our most important goal is to make sure that Hemnes is a great place to grow up, a community where our children can thrive and realize their potential. A key ingredient is making sure everyone here has good healthcare. Our Medical Centres offer varied services for young and old.

All of our daycare centres are certified as fostering a healthy environment for young children. Here in Hemnes, every child is guaranteed an available space. Siblings are given a discount – also when daycare is combined with our popular before- and after-school programme (SFO).

Our schools are well equipped to help pupils prepare for living and working in our modern, technological society. However, nature and activities in the great outdoors also play an integral role in the education offered.

The Municipality of Hemnes has launched several projects aimed at facilitating fruitful cooperation between youth and

adults to further improve our community, making it an even better place to grow up.

Hemnes is known for being an inclusive community that fosters sports and outdoor activities. We have four youth clubs and five sports clubs, as well as a wide array of recreational organisations for young and old.



The kids appreciate their playmates at the childcare centre in Bleikvasslia.



Hemnes is very supportive of its schools. It is a source of pride that our students keep winning trophies in Helgeland's technology competition, First Lego League.



Yearning for the great outdoors? If you are a resident of Hemnes and need equipment, Bod'n might be able to lend you what you need, for free!

A great community for everyone

We do our utmost to facilitate a healthy and harmonious life for our residents

Whether you are young or old – or anywhere in between – we want to help you choose a healthy and active lifestyle.

In Hemnes, you are surrounded by magnificent wilderness. Take relaxed walks along the river or fjord, hike the mountains or go on a glacier trek. You will find a great network of well-marked trails to choose from, in winter as well as summer.

A wide variety of activities are available through our many clubs and associations, as well as through our Healthy Life Centre (*Frisklivssentralen*) and the Volunteer Centre (*Frivilligsentralen*).

We also have Hasvo, a company that offers supported employment in a positive environment.



The Healthy Life Centre (*Frisklivssentralen*) offers support for any resident who wishes to develop a healthier lifestyle.

FRISKLIVSSENTRALEN

Hasvo is a great resource for the community. At Hemnesberget they built this barbecue hut, called "Ring of Fire", which was designed by our local architects at Tanken Arkitektur.



Working in our public sector

- a variety of skilled jobs

OUR MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION

Our town hall and the municipal administration are located in Korgen. The administration implements the decisions of our local elected officials, as well as preparing the information basis for political decisions. In addition, the administration assists residents, businesses and public agencies with a wide variety of issues in many areas. The administration is headed by our Chief Municipal Executive.

All in all, the public sector in Hemnes has 600 employees in many different professions, equivalent to 430 full-time positions. Perhaps the public sector in Hemnes has an interesting job opportunity for you?

TECHNICAL SERVICES

Our department of engineering and technical services provides various services to other municipal departments, as well as to our residents. Their jobs include the planning of water mains and sewage infrastructure, road maintenance and snow clearance, fire prevention and preparedness, various agriculture-related services, the management of our network of snowmobile trails, management of municipal properties, investment projects and much more. In other words, this department requires people with many different skill sets, and it is an exciting place to work.

IT

Hemnes has formulated a municipal plan for digitalisation and IT services, and the municipality took an early lead in offering good IT solutions for both employees and residents. In cooperation with neighbouring Hattfjelldal Municipality, Hemnes has established Villmarksnett, a company that is developing a comprehensive fibre-optic network.

The Hemnes Cultural School has many skilled and enthusiastic teachers who are sharing their knowledge of music, song and the visual arts, with adults as well as children.

HEALTHCARE

You will find Medical Centres and doctors' offices in the villages of Korgen and Hemnesberget. In addition, Hemnes offers 24-hour medical emergency services in collaboration with Rana. Healthcare service in Hemnes also include a Healthy Life Centre, medical centres, psychiatrists and a psychologist, family counsellors, physiotherapists and an occupational therapist. Our medical centres offer healthcare services for all schoolchildren.

CARE SERVICES

Our centres for care services are situated in Korgen and Hemnesberget. There are assisted-living residential units in each of our five villages. The care service centres comprise nursing homes, individual homes with expanded care, home care services, rehabilitation for out-patients, and catering services. Our services are continually enhancing their professional skills and using IT to optimise their services. In order to manage this in the best way possible, Hemnes has a close collaboration with its neighbouring municipalities.

CHILD-CARE

In recent years, Hemnes has upgraded its childcare facilities. Today we have excellent childcare centres in each of our five villages, and soon we are opening a new child-care facility in Korgen. Each childcare centre focuses on providing good professional care for its children, continually enhances its employees' training and skill sets, and works closely with families. For instance, we have three COS (Circle of Security) counsellors who offer courses to all interested parents.

SCHOOLS

Every village in Hemnes has school facilities. Bjerka has a school for grades 1–4, while Finneidfjord's school comprises grades 1–7. Bleikvasslia, Korgen and Hemnesberget offer full primary and secondary schooling, grades 1–10.

The Municipality of Hemnes also has a popular Cultural School. It offers instruction in music, song and the visual arts to children as well as adults.





IT and digital tools are helping our care services personnel improve the quality of life for people in Hemnes.

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A thriving and multi-faceted business community

– in the heart of Helgeland

CENTRALLY SITUATED

To our north lies Mo i Rana, the third-largest town in Northern Norway and a hub for our country's green-technology sector. Mo i Rana as well as the towns of Mosjøen and Sandnessjøen are only a short drive away. This makes Hemnes an attractive base for companies with customers throughout our regional market. And in fact you will find a wide assortment of businesses that serve the entire region.

HYDROPOWER

Røssåga river has made Hemnes a major producer of clean, renewable energy. The river flows from Røssvatnet, the second-largest lake in Norway, and empties its waters into the Sørfjord, but first it generates vast amounts of electricity that power the homes, businesses and industries of our region. The operator of this and many of the country's other hydropower facilities is Statkraft, which has its operational headquarters for Northern Norway in Korgen. The company offers exciting jobs related to the operation and maintenance of its hydropower plants.

AGRICULTURE

Did you know that Hemnes is one of the largest agricultural communities in Northern Norway? Today a new generation of young people has taken over many family farms, making investments to further modernise their operations and optimise their production. One of the municipality's major employers is the Nortura slaughterhouse at Bjerka.

Photo: Bjørn Sverre Falch/Avisa Hemnes



The original Røssåga hydropower facilities were built in the 1950s to supply electricity to the municipalities of Rana and Vefsn. In recent years, Statkraft has invested more than two billion kroner in upgrading these facilities.

Bjerkmoen, one of the many modern farms in Hemnes, is situated north of Korgen. You can see the Okstindan mountains in the background.



ECO-FRIENDLY INDUSTRIES

Our business community has a reputation for innovation. For example, at Hemnesberget, Norway's northernmost furniture producer NCP is known for making quality furniture out of plastics recycled from Helgeland's aquaculture facilities. Its strikingly elegant S-1500 chair, designed in collaboration with legendary Snøhetta architects, instantly became an international success. Other companies are also working on exciting projects that have a strong eco-friendly profile.

THE CULTURAL SECTOR

Many artists and musicians make their home in Hemnes. As a result our events calendar features festivals and other highlights, many exciting new art projects are taking form, and Hemnes has an award-winning jazz club.

To learn more about how we can assist you with establishing a business in Hemnes, please contact us at **postmottak@hemnes.kommune.no**

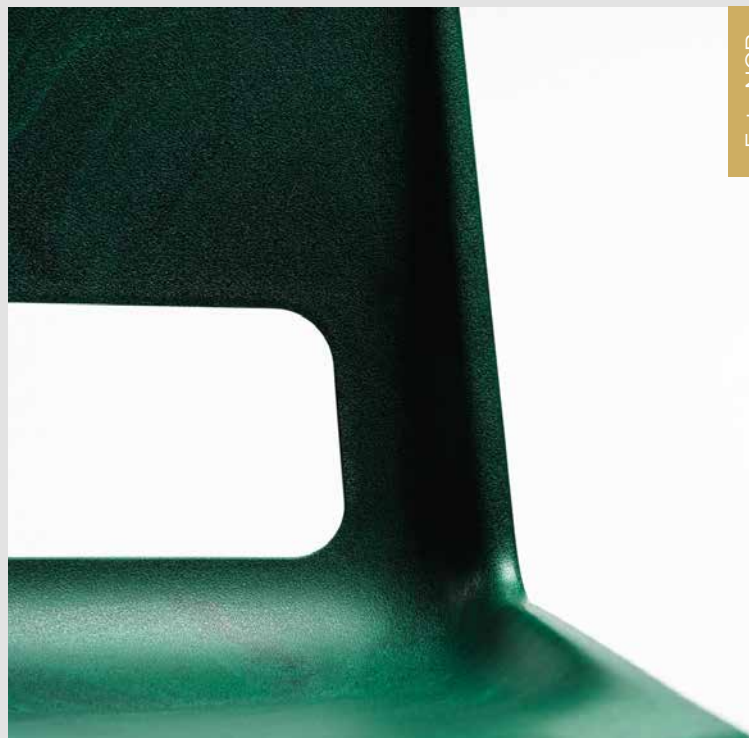


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For some reason Hemnes seems to have more than its share of Norway's musical talent. Here are Anna Anita Jaskiv, Tor Petter Aanes and Magnus L. Jacobsen.



Photo: Kristoffer Møllevik



You will find the beautiful jewellery of goldsmith Merete Mattson throughout the world. Her workshop and gallery is on the quay in Hemnesberget.

NCP also produces Waves of North, innovative products for professional hairdressers. These too are made of recycled plastic. Here their Soft Waves are being packaged by Hasvo.

Norway's hidden gems

- a unique potential to develop adventure tourism

Helgeland is a magnificent place to live, and it is no surprise that a growing number of people come to visit. They are discovering the natural gems that we have long appreciated. And getting here is convenient; the Nordland Line railway runs through our municipality, and the new and larger airport at Mo i Rana will be less than an hour's drive away from Hemnes.

Together with the rest of Helgeland, Hemnes aspires to share our cultural highlights, our natural wonders, and great outdoor adventures with people who come here from other parts of Norway and abroad, winter as well as summer. However, we insist on doing so while ensuring that our tourism and adventure sector remains sustainable and

eco-friendly. In addition to the wilderness of the Okstindan range, with Rabothytta cabin perched at the edge of the glacier, and our cultural festivals and events, the Hemnes community offers passionate guides and proud hosts who are eager to share the best of our natural and cultural treasures with our guests. To learn more about what they have to offer, please visit visitokstindan.com

If you yearn to play a role in our community and in the future that we are building, please contact us.

In 2020, Rabothytta was named the finest self-service DNT cabin in all of Norway. It is one of four cabins in the Okstindan mountains operated by the Hemnes chapter of the Norwegian Trekking Association (DNT).



Photo: Svein-Arne Brygfeld

There is plenty of space in the forests, hills and mountains of Hemnes. Skiers and snowmobile enthusiasts keenly appreciate the 170 km network of prepared trails. And winter as well as summer, you can challenge the summits!

The idyllic fjordside village of Hemnesberget is home to many artists and craftsmen. We are soon adding two new cultural arenas, one of them by the popular jazz club, Jernvaren.



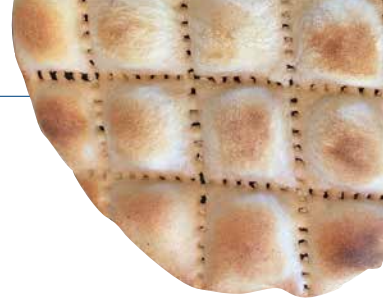
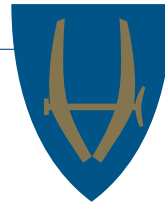
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A proud heritage

- and colourful traditions



Hemnes' coat of arms shows a golden boat-builder's clamp on a blue field, symbolising the area's ancient traditions. Generations of fishermen and sailors have relied on quality products from Hemnes. Since we started counting in 1850, our skilled craftsmen have built 300,000 boats.

The livelihood of people in our community has always been closely linked to what nature provides. The most prominent sectors have been farming, forestry and hydropower. Hemnes continues to be one of the major agricultural areas of Northern Norway. In addition, tourism is growing – our scenic surroundings and cultural heritage is drawing an increasing number of visitors.

Sámi culture is an important part of the heritage of Hemnes, and the Sámi traditions and way of life are integral also to today's society.

Kamkake, the traditional Hemnes bread, was mentioned as early as 17th century by the poet Petter Dass.

This traditional bread has become part of our community's brand. When you come to visit, we'll make sure you get a taste!

Hemnes has always had strong and vibrant cultural traditions. These have been documented in numerous books, countless articles and audio recordings. The newspaper *Avisa Hemnes* enjoys a strong local readership, while *Radio Korgen* is the oldest local Norwegian station still in operation.



Sørfjelltunet at Bleikvasslia was awarded the prestigious St. Olav's Rose for its contribution to preserving Norway's cultural heritage. Occasionally our local traditional bread, kamkake, is baked and offered here.

The Hemnes community is enriched by the Sámi heritage, its reindeer-herding tradition, language, music and art.



Boatbuilders used these special clamps while joining the overlapping boards of their clinker-built boats.

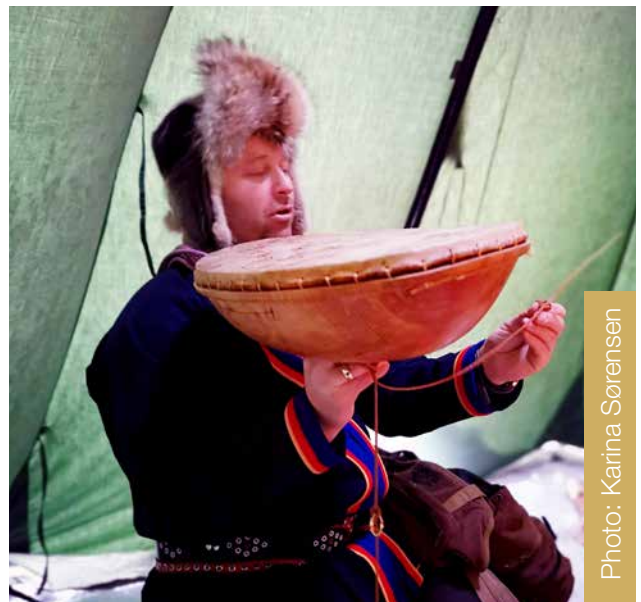


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The Okstindan Nature and Culture Park (ONK) works closely with the Hemnes business community. A good example is Korgfjellet Fjellstue, which recently opened a very attractive cabin facility on top of the Korgfjellet Pass. Another example is the establishment of hiking trails, which have been enhanced by the contributions of the artists and youth of Hemnes.

Okstindan Nature and Culture Park

... is no ordinary park!

One of the five objectives defined for the social-services aspect of our Municipal Structure Plan is that Hemnes shall be a pioneering municipality with respect to facilitating beneficial collaboration and interaction.

Our public sector is already working closely with our business community and with volunteers to optimise the use of our resources.

This collaboration is organised through the Okstindan Nature and Culture Park, which is one of nine such regional parks in Norway. Together we are working to further business development, to facilitate positive experiences for visitors, and to ensure that everyone who lives and works here thrives and has good services and rewarding leisure opportunities.

The park currently has about 50 local partners. They contribute to various collaboration forums that are focused on endeavours such as entrepreneurial promotion, art, and improving our hiking trails.

The park also leads OppHemnes, a network in which tourism-related companies and adventure providers are collaborating with the support from Innovation Norway.

We invite you to investigate the park, its many partners, and the many opportunities you have in our area.

To learn more, please check out our website visitokstindan.com.



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Norske Parker

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A festival community

- a thriving local culture with many artists and musicians

Photo: Frode Fagerheim



BitchyBigBoobiesBangBand from Hemnesberget.



Kamtake Festival
Villmarksveitka
Bleikvasslia Winter Festival
Korgen Summer Festival
Jul på Berget
Boat & Fjord Festival
Hemnesjazz
Klemetspelet

In Hemnes, we enjoy getting together and appreciate getting to know visitors. Enthusiastic locals often meet up for a *dugnad*, volunteer work, usually followed by coffee and cake and good conversations.

Our diversity and shared passion are reflected in the various festivals that take place year-round. Take a look at our events calendar – you are sure to find a tempting festival!

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In Klemetspelet, amateur adults, local children and youth, perform together with professional actors.



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