

International Arctic Ceramic Centre

The Arctic Ceramic Centre is an independent organization located in Posio, which is one of the northernmost, picturesque and the largest of the regions in Finland.

Mission

The mission of the Centre is to establish itself as a professional center of excellence for the ceramic arts and crafts, and confidently aims to provide artist-in-residence facilities for international and Finnish artists, designers and craftspeople.

Natural Assets

The Centre is situated at the heart of a breathtakingly beautiful and inspiring landscape, and one which extends its beauty into in all four seasons of the year. Located in an area famous for its forest and lakeside landscape and the consequent skiing, fishing and other sporting and leisure facilities, the Centre is able to offer a unique balance of inspiration and well-being for the artist, and simultaneously, high levels of leisure and cultural interest to the visitor.

About ACC

Arctic Ceramic Centre was formed between the years of 2009 – 2012 as part of one of the local EU projects, and first Arctic Clay Symposiums were arranged under very intensive support from Korean ceramist Suku Park who is a resident of Posio, working in close collaboration with Anu Pentik who is a well-known artist and art director of local ceramic company Pentik Oy in Posio.

With the support of the local community, a feasibility study was conducted, and in 2013 the idea of the Arctic Ceramic Centre developed into the project "Ceramic Center Lapland, Posio", and the next international symposium was arranged, with its aims of combining the strong local culture and tourism potential into the program of the symposium, and, bringing the local people, tourists visiting the area, and ceramists were brought into a greater dynamic interaction.

The feasibility study established the best location in Posio for Arctic Ceramic Centre, as the Hotel Kirikeskus "the wilderness hotel", which is in Kirintövaara about 6 km from the center of Posio.

Within the buildings of Hotel Kirikeskus Professor Suku Park drew up plans for the space and future activities of the Centre, and a letter of intent to carry forward the project was signed with the Development Company of Posio, establishing the Arctic Ceramic Centre and safeguarding its future Posio.

The owner of Hotel Kirikeskus, Reijo Lantto, took on the responsibility for making the necessary investment for space and all the necessary equipment, and in year 2014 the Arctic Ceramic Centre hosted the 4th Arctic Clay Symposium, and the project was truly launched!

To support the activities in the ACC, the ACC Association was established in 2014, with its consolidated mission of "...promoting the ACC in becoming a high quality, internationally known work and meeting place for ceramists and other artists".