

# Norwegian Festival of Literature

Lillehammer, 30th May – 5th June 2022

## Lillehammer Fellowship

The fellowship lasted three days and 29 publishers and editors from 19 countries participated. The publishers were introduced to 12 authors in all genres, as well as literary agents at the rights centre Lillehammer Rights. They were also given a tour of Bjerkebæk, with a subsequent reception together with agents, booksellers, translators and journalists.

## Lillehammer Rights

In 2022 marked the first *physical* edition of the new rights centre Lillehammer Rights. Fifteen Norwegian agents from eight agencies participated, plus two agents from Sweden and one agent from Ireland. The rights centre was a vibrant meeting arena for publishers, agents and translators.

## Booksellers' visit to Lillehammer

In cooperation with the Embassy in London, NORLA invited five booksellers to a four-day program in Lillehammer during the literature festival. During the program, the delegation visited bookstores, met eight authors of different genres, participated in the events of the official festival program, and had a tour of both Lillehammer Art Museum and Bjerkebæk. They also had the opportunity to meet industry professionals and to become more familiar with the Norwegian literary system.

## Program for translators

NORLA's program for translators in Lillehammer has been open to application for the past two years. In this year's edition of the festival, 14 translators from 10 countries participated. They were encouraged to take part in the festival's rich program and thereby strengthen both their competence and their network. The translators were also invited to participate in the program under Lillehammer Rights. In addition, they met international publishers and agents during a joint reception at Bjerkebæk, as well as colleagues from the The Norwegian Association of Literary Translators for a lunch.

## Press trip

This year, NORLA invited two journalists on a press trip to Lillehammer. The program took place in close collaboration with the Norwegian embassies in Lisbon and London, plus the festival itself. Mona Røhne from the Embassy in London participated in the implementation of the program.



Tour of Sigrid Undset's home – Bjerkebæk



The booksellers in Lillehammer



Lunch with the translators (in cooperation with the Norwegian Association of Literary Translators)