

The identity of children and young people

Every nation and every people has their own culture and identity. The Inuit people in Greenland have a reputation for being a proud and independent culture/society.

But their culture continues to change. For decades young people in Greenland have been influenced by the rest of the world and the different cultures. They are influenced in many ways especially by the television, which may give a fifteen year old girl ideas, behaviour and thoughts that have more in common with a 50 year old American woman than her aunt in Greenland.

The young people adopt a lot of values from USA, because much of their spare time is used to watch American movies and TV-series.

The young people walk around on the streets of Nuuk dressed in the same way as young people in Europe or in North America.

But beware – suddenly a little spark in the soul can blaze up and give these young people determination to confirm and defend everything they feel is Greenlandic.



The traditional kayak – and blue jeans, April 2006

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