



Environmental Challenges and People's Response

Workshop in Bodø 24 May 10:00-12:00

What are the environmental challenges in the High North, and particular, in the Barents Sea Region? How do these challenges influence the people of the North? How do local communities respond to these challenges, and how can be the voice of young people heard?

Time: 24 May 10:00 – 12:00. The seminar ends with a lunch (12:00-13:00).

Purpose: Discuss environmental challenges of the High North, in particular in the Barents Sea region, and their impact on local communities; and share views on how young people can influence the way environmental challenges are addressed locally.

Location: Nord University, Universitetsalléen 11, Bodø (Auditorium A 130).

Participants: Invited future leaders of the Arctic - students, youth politicians, activists, representatives of NGOs, academia and local communities from Russia (Arkhangelsk, Murmansk, Karelia), Norway, Sweden and Finland.

Registration: Please confirm your attendance by email to elena.zhurova@nord.no by 20 May 2016.

Organizers:

Barents Youth Cooperation Office

High North Center for Business and Governance, Business School, Nord University

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Program

Moderator – **Bård Michalsen**, Associate professor, School of Business and Economics, The Arctic University of Norway

Part 1: Points of view from experts

Short presentations for up to 10 minutes:

- **Youth cooperation in the Barents region**, Inna Fedorova, Barents Regional Youth Council
- **Climate change and primary industries in Northern Norway: local communities' perspectives**, Julia Olsen, researcher at Nordland Research Institute
- **Environmental issues and sami politics**, August Sjøvoll, Norway
- **Resilience building in Arctic communities**, Victoria Herrmann, the Arctic Institute, Canada
- **People of the Russian Arctic: climate change and indigenous communities**, Valdymir Davydov, Head of Siberian Ethnography department, Russian Academy of Sciences
- **Youth Environmental NGO in Barents Region**, Dmitrii Nesterov, Arkhangelsk Regional youth environmental NGO "Aetas", Russia (tbc)

Part 2. Discussion.

Part 3. Summary and future steps.

The seminars ends with lunch at the University's canteen from 12:00 to 13:00