



High North Dialogue week,

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Environment and People of the North

Workshop in Bodø 4 April 09:30-13:00

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: 4 April 09:30 – 13:00. The seminar ends with a lunch (12:15-13:00).

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 134).

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

Organizers:

High North Center for Business and Governance, Business School, Nord University
The Northern Arctic Federal University (NARFU), Barents Regional Youth Council,
In cooperation with Norwegian Barents Secretariat

Program

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

09:30-09:40 Introduction of the seminar, Bård. M, Elena Z., and Daria Matveenkova

09:40-10:45 Part 1 Challenges and Opportunities, presentations

- *Youth cooperation in the Barents region*, Tuure Vairio, Barents Regional Youth Council

- *People of the Arctic*, Ekaterina Evmeneva, NARFU, Arkhangelsk

- *Climate change and primary industries in Northern Norway*, Julia Olsen, Nord University, Bodø

- Bendik Hugstmyr Woie, Natur og Ungdom, Tromsø

10:45-11:00 Coffee-break

11:00-12:00 Part 2 Young People in Action, presentations

- *Social Entrepreneurs in the High North*, Vitali Akimov, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Murmansk

- *Arctic Adventures*, Julia Fomicheva, Karelia NGO "Northern Pole", Petrozavodsk

- *Norwegian-Russian cooperation in environmental issues in the North*, Kevin Aaland, UiT, Tromsø

- *Youth initiatives in Murmansk*, Daria Matveenkova, Nature and Youth, Murmansk

- Amalia Kaipova, environmental organization «ETAS», Arkhangelsk

12:00-12:15 Discussion. Summary and future steps. Moderator: Bård Michalsen.

12:15 Lunch and mingling

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