



Minutes Joint working group on youth

Participants

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Start of the meeting

Presentation of participants

Selection of chair

Mikael was chosen to be the chair

Selection of secretary

Susanna was chosen to be secretary.

Information from BRYC

Tim Andersson, the chairman of BRYC, introduced the BRYC annual event which includes openings ceremony, interactive workshops, a closing dinner on Saturday with musical performances. The participants leave on Sunday.

Over 170 applied to take part, mainly Russians. Only 60 could attend. 15 people per country.

Proposed changes to BRYC organization and new project.

Tim presented a new project idea regarding sexual health. Sexual health is a topic that affects young people and attracts a higher level of interaction within BRYC. It will create connections with NGOs, Barents working groups and community of youth.

The concrete proposal is an international conference in May 2019, possibly in Luleå. Main output: 5 concrete doable conclusions that relevant stakeholders receive.

Tim estimates the cost to be approx. SEK 800 000.

It was emphasized that the working group on education, research and social issues should be involved in this as well. It was suggested to create a collaborative task force with the chairs of the working groups involved. Västerbotten will follow up on this issue.

JWGY supports idea and looks forward to cooperation.

National representatives in JWGY

This point is raised because we have a obvious difficulty in finding national representation to these meetings. Eva Ekmehag will contact the CSO in Norway, Finland and Russia and they will be invited as well as the national representatives. The idea is that the CSO members will perhaps influence the national representatives.

Selection of BRYC representatives

The selection of BRYC representatives varies quite a lot from country to country. It was decided to make an overview of how the BRYC-representatives are chosen in each region. There is a need from both the working group and BRYC for some clarifications regarding this point. Minna made a survey to be disseminated in all regions to get an overview on how selection and recruitment is done in the different places now. The survey was presented and accepted by the working group.

This issue should also be addressed in the regional committee. An overview task force was created consisting of the following members:

- Trine Grytøy, Nordland,
- Ivan Zhernakov, Archngelsk,
- Susanna Lantz , Västerbotten
- Minna Mustonen, Kainuu,
- Aleksandr Teretev BRYC (Komi).

Cooperation with other working groups: Presentation of the youth work and perspectives in the other working groups.

At the conference in Luleå it was stated that the working group of youth will have a key role in addressing the points from the conference. It was decided that JWGY will meet with all the working groups. The chair has contacted all the working groups. Most groups have answered and are interested in how we are working with youth perspective.

Visited groups:

- Economic cooperation
- Forest sector network

Planned visits

- Region working group on transport
- Working group on environment
- Elizaveta will go to the regional working group on Investment and economic cooperation.
- Alexandr from BRYC will inform at the health group in Syktyvkar.
- Roman will visit the tourist group in Riga next week.

The mandate Discussion based on proposal from the chair.

The changes of the mandate were presented and accepted by the group. The mandates will now be sent to the CSO which will approve the mandates of the JWGY.

Update from the national chair

Update from the national chair about the various working groups and their plans for the upcoming months.

Barents press – Robota 18 the next generation

Tim gave a short presentation about Robota 18 where young journalists travel from Tromsö, through Murmansk and into Finland and Sweden to write articles. They write about youth life in the Barents region. All stories will be made into a book which will be released in Tromsö in April 2019

Communications (Eva Ekmehag, Roman Gokkoev)

IBS recommended that communication is always on the agenda for the working group. Roman updated the group on communication activities.

The working group was asked to look over their site for the youth group to see if any changes can be made.

Photos which can be used free of charge are found here: :
<https://www.discoverbarents.com/>

IBS reminded the group to consider if there are Barents Success stories which can be presented on the Barents cooperation website.

Annual report

The chair and co-chair will write the annual report for the working group. December 31st is the deadline. The chair will send it out for comments to the working group before submitting it to the IBS.

The next meeting

The chair suggests to have two physical meetings in 2019. If there is a need we can organize phone meetings. Next meeting will take place back to back with the Regional council meeting in Tromsö meeting in April. BRYC will arrange their board meeting in Tromsö as well. More information on specific date to come.