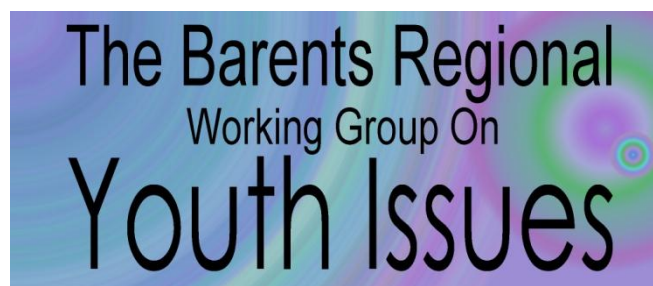

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INVITATION TO MEETING
Barents Regional Working Group on Youth Issues

To:

Members of the Regional working group on Youth Issues

Lars Miguel Utsi	Chair	Indigenous representative
Maria Östensson		Sweden
Lene Hansen		Norway

Others:

Laila Dalhaug, The Norwegian Barents Secretariat Norway

Not attending

Anne Kenttäkumpu	Finland
Olga Pokrovskaya	Russia
Anastasia Starostina	Russia

Date: 10th of March 2011
Time: 0930-1600
Place: Länsstyrelsen Umeå, Storgatan 71

Item 01/2011

Adoption of the agenda

Item 02/2011

Adoption of the protocol from last meeting

Item 03/2011

Information from the regions

New initiatives, upcoming international events

Anne Kentakumppu has informed through mail that there are several initiatives in Finland and this is 6 of them.

- 1) Gränslöst 2009
- 2) Dance & Performing Arts - Arctic Dance Circle
- 3) SPR:n nuorisokonferenssi 2008
- 4) Samisk ungdom
- 5) Indigenous Entrepreneurship
- 6) Sports entrepreneurship

Other information from the members

YE2 have new partners and include parts of Barents Builders and Young Innovators. The project partners are working on the frames for an application to ENPI.

Go business Go live is a new study offered by The college in Finnmark for young entrepreneurs. This can be interesting for students from all parts of Barents.

Troms County has got a question from Arkhangelsk if they can be partners in Team 29. They are already involved in a project in Karelia and are not sure if they will be involved in Arkhangelsk.

NUFF, TIFF and Murmansk youth film festival Megapixel are working on the project Barents Youth Film Academy and have arranged a kick-off for the project and apply for a preproject.

Barents stories is developing and working well. This is a photobook about Barents.

FNUFF Västerotten and Karelén are working on a new project for youth.

A new democracy project are being planned and will include a conference in Murmansk for development of civil society where NGOs in the region will be invited. Through the European Border dialogues project a seminar in Kaliningrad will be arranged where experiences from Barents will be highlighted.

Item 04/2011

Information about projects from BRYC

BARENTS STORIES

Julia tells about the Barents Stories project. The working group had a three day meeting in Umeå this week, and the project has started. Plan is to make it huge, and Julia is writing applications right now. Promotion June - September. Result will be photo book and exhibition. Local exhibitions and world tour.

Target group: youth who are interested in expressing themselves through photo. Can be skilled on photo, can also be beginners.

Working group: Julia Lapshina, Ylva Maria Pavval, Ola Möller, Oleg Pork, Per Kristian Bergmo, Örjan Garfjell, Åsa Sundman, Adam Wännman-Zetterqvist.

Contact person: Julia

FROM CREATIVITY TO IDENTITY

Karelia - Västerbotten. With Fnuf.

Target group: youth in Karelia, Västerbotten and Finland.

Second target group: visitors.

Aim: Promote traditional celebrations to young people.

Need: Participants and seminar leaders who are good on handicraft.

Contact person: Anna

ALIVE VILLAGE

Target group: youth in rural areas.

Aim: create new small projects to develop rural areas. To share experience and use the same techniques to develop rural areas in the Barents Region. Youth will create a model that can be distributed to other regions.

Need: searching for partners working for developing rural areas, then send application for NBS.

Contact person: Svetlana

TEAM 29

Forum for youth, educational programme e.g. entrepreneurship, humour, arts, volunteering using role plays etc. including 700 participants from the Arkhangelsk region. Yearly event, last week of July. One of the workshops will be international.

Need: Norwegian partners, organisations interested in being partners.

Contact person: Svetlana

NGO & VOLUNTEER FORUM

Murmansk, 18th of September probably

2 full days, 2 travel days = 4 days in total

Forum with four workshops with a Barents perspective:

- 1) Human rights
- 2) Health issues
- 3) Ecological problems
- 4) Arts workshop, combining different kinds of art

Contact person: Zhanna

DEMOCRAZY

Democratic issues, how democracies are presented in each of the countries, and how to know and use your rights. Will be worked on during these days.

Contact person: Zhanna

HYPERBOREA 2011

Karelia, 3-9 of August 2011

Forum for youth, educational programme e.g. entrepreneurship, arts, volunteering using role plays etc. including 700 participants from Russia, Norway, Finland and ect. One of the workshops will be international.

Need: workshops leaders, participants

Contact person: Anna

ECOLOGY YOUTH CAMP "KALYPSO"

Karelia, 26 of July - 2 of August 2011

Aim: to promote ecological tourism to young people in Barents region

Need: youth participants from Barents region

Working group: Anna and John Asle

CHILDREN THEATRE STUDIO

July/August

Perform in kindergarden & culture house. Connect to other children's theatres in other regions. A way to interest families and people for international cooperation. 1 month. First project of starting an international youth cooperation centre. Funding by the regional administration.

Need: find 1-2 international volunteers. Profile: Theatre college students interested in working with children who want to be involved in this project. Travel costs & accommodation covered by the project.

Contact person: Marina

MUSICAL POETIC FESTIVAL

Connected to Day of Peace, October

Need: Have got funding for five people from abroad to open and participate in the festival.

Contact person: Marina

TREE OF FRIENDSHIP

Start in Karelia, go Västerbotten, Tromsö. Maybe Finnmark, Murmansk, Karelia as well.

Ecology & design. 2 - 3 weeks, starting in March 2012.

Need: Partner NGO's, designers, ecological organisations, musicians.

Contact person: Anna

BARENTS SUMMER JOBS

John Asle has an idea about connecting people to do summer jobs going abroad, learn about different countries.

Need: input, contacts and ideas.

Ideas: Special rules for getting work visas from Russia. Check out Nordjobb and talk to Sofia Mörlund, she lives in Umeå and is in the board of the swedish Föreningen Nordens Ungdomsförbund (Fnuf). She participated at the Yeah Right! in Luleå and have been working at Nordjobb in Sweden.
<http://www.nordjobb.net/> Sofia Mörtlund: sofia@fnuf.se
Contact person: John Asle

PASSION WEEK pt II

Professional artists, gathering place for people who do art for their living in Barents. Have got funding for planning and is now working on how to realise it. Will be less participants than the BRYC event, but similar concept as before, in Kirkenes last weekend in October or 4-6th of November (Halloween).
Contact person: Halvard

NIEJDA - CHICKS IN SÁPMI

Mentoring programme for sami girls. Going well.
Contact person: Ylva

WE LOVE FINLAND

Local workshops to get people involved with BRYC, and show what BRYC do for the regions.
Contact person: Isa

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| Item 05/2011 | The work programme for RWGYI 2011-2015. The discussion about the work programme was decided postponed due to the upcoming discussion on merging of the working groups. |
| Item 06/2011 | Preparation for meeting with WGYP
Lars Miguel had a short presentation from the dicussions in stakeholders meeting arranged the day prior to the meeting. Here the positive and negative sides of a merging was discussed. |
| Item 07/2011 | Other issues |

Lars Miguel Utsi informed about Irina Nasarova at IBS that provides financial guidance for organisations that runs Cross-border projects in Barents
The Barents council and Barents regional Council will have their meeting in Kiruna in October. Lars miguel is writing a suggestion for the statement on behalf of RWGYI.

Oulo region want to take part in the RWGYI, meetings are open and they are welcome. Furthermore they have a place as full members in BRYC and they are welcome to find a person to this position. Lars Miguel will write them a mail.