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The force of youth in building tomorrow's Arctic

Wednesday 29 January 2020 10.30-12.00
The Edge Sky bar



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Workshop as a part of Arctic Frontiers Young in cooperation with the Norwegian Chairmanship of the Barents Euro-Arctic Council and the Barents Regional Youth Council (BRYC):

Hear the experience of The Barents regional youth cooperation and help us develop new ideas!

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What does international cooperation in the Arctic mean to young people? How can the history, vision and activities of the Barents cooperation be of inspiration for collaboration between communities and regions in the circumpolar Arctic? What have we learned and achieved, why is the youth perspective crucial for the Arctic? How can the young contribute to strong Arctic societies? How can we make politicians listen to the young when making Arctic strategies? In what way is youth cooperation a tool for peaceful relations when things are complicated between capitals? What are the key challenges and opportunities for the future Arctic generation?

Program

10.30-10.45 Session I - The Barents cooperation in a nutshell

How cooperation and activities between the young across borders have contributed to one of Europe's most successful peace projects in our time: The Barents youth cooperation presented by The Barents Regional Youth Council in a fun slide show!

Speakers:

Martin Gamst Johnsen, BRYC, Norway

Daria Makhotina BRYC, Russia

Michael Krotov BRYC Norway

Kaisa-Reetta Seppänen, BRYC Finland



10.45-12.00 Session II: Workshop: Youth cooperation in the Arctic

Moderated by Daria Makhotina, BRYC

The participants will be divided into groups representing various organizations in the Arctic working with youth cooperation.

Short presentation of the topic: 5 min

Questions for the groups to answer: What are the challenges and opportunities for the youth cooperation in the Arctic? What is important for young people in Norway, Russia, Finland, Sweden, Canada and the US today? How can we contribute and make sure we are included in decision-making in areas such as policy, economy, health, human rights and gender equality, indigenous peoples cooperation, environmental, educational, cultural, civil society and other issues? What can the circumpolar Arctic youth cooperation learn from the Barents cooperation and vice versa? How can we cooperate more and keep exchanging knowledge and experience? Based on these questions the participants are expected to present ideas on how we can build a strong and sustainable Arctic future through youth cooperation on all levels: local, governmental, cross-border and regional, international.

Work in groups: 45 min.

Presentations and conclusions: 20 min.

Refreshments will be served

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