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PROGRAMME



MEETING OF THE BARENTS JOINT WORKING GROUP ON CULTURE

KIRKENES, NORWAY

FEBRUARY 21-23, 2018





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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2018

Daytime: Arrival in Kirkenes

When you arrive in Kirkenes, you may leave your luggage at Scandic Hotel, Kongens gt. 1, and pick it up before departure to Svanhovd Hotel at the end of the day.

18:00 - 18:40 Barents Spektakel Opening Show

Read more about the festival here:
<http://www.barentsspektakel.no/>
Free entry. Venue: Kirkenes town square

19:00 - 19:50 Barents Spektakel Opening Concert

A continuation of the opening show, including the girls's soccer teams, Nordic Brass Ensemble & Scene Finnmark, Kirkenes School Band, and other surprises. Our tickets are courtesy of the Norwegian Ministry of Culture.

Venue: Samfundshuset / Kirkenes Community House, near the town square and municipality library

20:30 Barents Spektakel Opening Dinner

Dinner courtesy of the Norwegian Ministry of Culture. Venue: Scandic Kirkenes

22:00 Opening of the Festival Exhibition

Venue: Terminal B, at Dr. Wessels gate 14.

23:00 Departure to Svanhovd

End of program. Departure by bus to Hotel Svanhovd. The bus departs from Scandic Hotel in Kongens gate 1.

Remember to pick up your luggage!
Check-in at Hotel Svanhovd.





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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2018

**07:00 - 08:30 Breakfast and
check-out**

08:30 Departure to Kirkenes

Departure by bus from hotel Svanhovd to Thon Hotel, Kirkenes. We leave our luggage at Thon Hotel.

**09:40 Walk to the Barents
Secretariat**

A short walk from Thon Hotel to the Barents Secretariat Offices in Rådhusgata 8.

10:00 - 12:00 JWGC meeting

Welcome greeting

Margrethe Alnes, grant programme coordinator, The Norwegian Barents Secretariat.

Presentation by Rune Rafaelsen

Mayor of Sør-Varanger municipality and former Head of the Norwegian Barents Secretariat.

Priorities of the Swedish national chairmanship

Eva Ekmehag, Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Priorities of the Finnmark regional chairmanship

Markus Karlsen, International adviser, Finnmark County Authority.

IBS: Plans, priorities and support function

Tomas Hallberg, Head of the International Barents Secretariat (IBS).

Digitalization - how can the culture field benefit?

Presentation by Region Norrbotten and Region Västerbotten.





12:00 - 12:40 Lunch

Including a short briefing about Arctic Art Summit 2019 by Pikene på Broen.

12:40 - 13:00 Bodø as European Capital of Culture (ECC)

Presentation by Nordland County Council.

13:00 - 15:00 Group meeting

Formal items

- Opening of the meeting
- Approval of the agenda
- Approval of the Arkhangelsk meeting minutes from 18th of October 2017

Evaluation of the Barents Scholarship for Cultural Cooperation

Discussion about the selection process, ceremony, and preparations for the 2019 scholarship.

Information from the members

- Meeting schedule planning for 2018.
- Each region presents one activity planned for 2018.

15:00 - 16:00 Meeting with Samovarteatret

We will walk to Sør-Varanger Culture Hall to meet with Samovarteateret, winner of the 2017 Barents Scholarship for Cultural Cooperation from Norway. We will also get a guided tour of the theatre's premises.

16:00 - 17:30 Check-in

Check-in at Thon Hotel.

17:30 - 18:45 Dinner

Dinner courtesy of Finnmark County Authority.
Venue: Thon Hotel

19:00 Samovarteateret's performance "Truth"

Read more here:
<http://www.barentsspektakel.no/truth-2/>

Members of the JWGC may watch the performance free of charge, courtesy of Samovarteateret.
Venue: Sør-Varanger Culture Hall



FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 23, 2018

Departure from Kirkenes

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Bring warm clothes!

Temperatures in Kirkenes can vary between -5 to -25 centigrades in February.

We recommend that you bring warm clothes and comfortable shoes, and are prepared to walk short distances (max. 10 minutes) within the town center of Kirkenes.

Some of the events of Barents Spektakel may also take place outside.

Accommodation

Accommodation at Hotel Svanhovd (February 21st - 22nd) costs NOK 890.

Accommodation at Thon Hotel, Kirkenes (February 22nd - 23rd) costs NOK 1295.

Please be informed that all participants must pay their accommodation individually at the hotel.

