

The Barents Regional Working Group On Youth Issues

RWGYI overall priorities 2009- 2011

During the two upcoming years the RWGYI is planning on working with the following issues.

In 2010 the current work program will expire and we need to evaluate the results and actions of the previous years 2007-2010. Based on this evaluation a new work program for the regional youth work in Barents will be carried out in close cooperation with BRYC. To ensure youth participation and to make sure that we are focusing on the issues that are important for the youth in the Barents region.

The RWGYI will continue to cooperate closely with and support BRYC in their work. During 2010 a meeting is planned to take place in cooperation with the regional committee, who also will be invited to participate during the yearly BRYC event.

We also need to secure the future financing of BRYC. In 2008 the Barents Regional committee took the decision that all the Nordic regions were to allocate 3000 euro per region and per year. In order to cover travel costs and other costs in connection to the BRYC meetings. It was also decided that when meetings held in Russia the host region will provide for the costs in connection to the meeting for example hotel costs for the BRYC members.

The decision made by the regional committee concerning financing of BRYC and the work plan for the RWGYI will expire during 2010. The previous work needs to be evaluated and presented for the Barents regional committee. In connection a new demand for financing of the upcoming years 2010-2013 needs to be addressed to the Barents regional committee. This work will start already during this year.

Currently BRYC is not a part of the formal organisational chart of the Barents cooperation and this issue needs to be addressed. In the long run it's important to be a part of the structure for the continuation of BRYC and secure future funding. RWGYI will work towards making BRYC a part of the formal Barents structure and make the necessary arrangements.

Since we are all working towards the same aim but on different levels it makes perfect sense to cooperate more closely and maybe even join forces in a near future. In RWGYI we would like to cooperate more closely with WGYP in order to coordinate the work and benefit from the work carried out in both groups. Therefore we propose that we have more back to back meetings where BRYC is also involved more closely. That said it's important to ensure the regional participation in the group. Today there is one representative from each country representing the regional Barents level and of course a representative of the indigenous peoples, we feel that this needs to be the case also in the future. BRYC is an essential part of this work of course. After all it's in the Barents region where the action is and the work needs to be done. In order to create an attractive Barents region for all!