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INVITATION TO MEETING
Barents Regional Working Group on Youth Issues

To:

Members of the Regional working group on Youth Issues

Maria Östensson Chair	Sweden
Maria Johnsen	Norway
Lars Miguel Utsi	Indigenous
Laila Dalhaug, The Norwegian Barents Secretariat	

Not attending:

Matti Nissinen	Finland
Elena Dotsenko	Russia
Olga Pokrovskaya	Russia
Maria Petrova, BYCO	

Others:

Date: Friday 18th of September 2008
Time: 1400 separate (1630 joint with BRYC- see BRYCs protocol)
Place: Pur Navolok Hotel Arkhangelsk

Preliminary agenda

Items

09/09 Approval of the agenda
Approved. Adding the new youth program 2011-2015 under 15/09

10/09 Adoption of protocol from last meeting
Adopted

11/09 Information about events and projects

It was given information about the projects Barents Builders and Young Entrepreneurs. The BEAC meeting in Murmansk 14.-15.oct and the Minister conference with youth event in Murmansk to be arranged by WGYF

The "Ta meg med!" Project was carried out in Nordland. It aims to inform adults about youth and make sure that youth takes part in decision-making processes. This is also connected to the wish of lowering the age for voting to 16 years. Nordland also had a generation conference with great success

Barents Reggae Rock and Rights tour was presented at the Regional Committee at their meeting in Oulu in September by Ylva and Halvard and it engaged the audience.

Barents library conference was arranged in Sweden.
A multilateral project on Indigenous Entrepreneurship is under development. It will probably start in April 2010. They are still looking for partners, but finances looks ok. The county administrations and the Sami parliaments will be applied.

16.-18. oct it will be a gathering for the establishment of Norwegian Sami youth organization.

There will be a conference on youth initiatives and engagement , youth participation in politics in Saarisälke in Finland.
23.-25.september SUPU will arrange a youth conference in Trondheim. The theme is education.

European youth parliament is 16.-24. April 2010 in Tromsø. Title: High North- high temperature.

Barents Women's conference is to be arranged by The Norwegian Barents Secretariat in April 2009, there will be a section for young women

Meeting in the Sami council 1st -4th of October.

- 12/09 Report to BRYC
- Start to work on the youth program for next period. BRYC can arrange a youth gathering and have BRYC meeting in connection with regional committee meeting and maybe the working group can join in.
- We need to send a mail to the regions and ask for input to the program.
- We will work for a closer cooperation between the central and regional structures. Oulu have signalized that they may withdraw from BRYC. We must contact the responsible persons and get some reasonable explanations and avoid it.
- 13/09 Cooperation with WGYF
- Ungdomsstyrelsen will take the responsibility for the Swedish chairmanship in WGYF. Robban, Halvard and Ylva had a meeting with Eva Theis and Maria Östensson in June. It will be more cooperation between the structures.
- We suggest having a joint working group, we can have one central and one regional meeting, and we want to have a joint event if they are interested.
- 14/09 Barents 2010 PLUS
- The signals is now that the project will fail to be financed. Västerbotten will not continue the process with the project. Someone else must take over.
- 15/09 New initiatives for the working group 2010
- The most important task is to work on the development and adoption of The new youth program for the next period.
- The members of the working group have been the same for some of the countries since the establishment in 2003. We will ask the regional committee to look into the possibilities of giving the task to another region in Finland that have the capacity to take part in the meetings. The same goes for Murmansk youth committee. They should soon find a new representative in the Working group and BRYC.
- 16/08 Other Issues
- IBS wants a text from the working group with focus on activities last 2 years and concrete results. Laila Dalhaug will rewrite the yearly report.