



Nordic Demography Programme

Final seminar

23rd of April 2015

Nordregio, Stockholm

The seminar will be held in English

09:00-09:30 Arrival and registration with morning coffee

09:30-09:45 Nordic focus on demographic challenges

Sverker Lindblad, Chair of the Nordic Working Group on Demography and Welfare
Lisa Hörnström, Senior Research Fellow, Nordregio

09:45-11:15 Theme A: Tracing young people and their mobility

Presentation of a study on youth perspectives in the Arctic
Anna Karlsdóttir, Senior Research Fellow, Nordregio

Project presentations followed by discussion:

Home is where the island heart beats - East Iceland, Bornholm (Denmark),
Vesterålen (Norway) and The Faroe Islands

- **Lene Rømer**, CRT, Bornholm and **Elfa Hlín Pétursdóttir**, Austurbru, Iceland

**”Money of my own” – How to Earn a Living for Young People in the
Archipelago and Other Sparsely Populated Areas** - Archipelago areas in
Sweden, Finland and the Åland islands

- **Ester Miiros**, Nordic Archipelago Cooperation, *Nordiska skärgårdssamarbetet*

- **Benjamin Englund**, entrepreneur in the Ekenäs archipelago, Finland



11:15-12:15 Theme B: Local economy and rural entrepreneurship

Ylva Lundkvist, The Swedish Village Action Movement, *Hela Sverige ska leva!*

Project presentation followed by discussion:

Participation and innovation in remote areas - focusing on an academic support system for local entrepreneurs – the Faroe Islands and West Iceland

- **Olga Biskopstø**, Research Center for Social Development, Faroe islands

12:15-13:00 Lunch

13:00-14:45 Theme C: Creating attractive communities

Knut Vareide and **Lars Ueland Kobro**, Telemarksforskning, Norway

Project presentations followed by discussion:

Demographic challenges in Hedmark (Norway) and Dalarna (Sweden)

- **Kjell Vaagen**, Hedmark county council (Norway) and **Karin Wiik**, Rendalen kommune (Norway)

Regional collaboration on the theme of migration / demographics for maintaining employment and tax base - Jämtland (Sweden), Westfjords (Iceland) and Kainuu region (Finland)

- **Ulf von Sydow** and **Dag Hartman**, Regional Council Jämtland-Härjedalen

Next stop – small islands - island communities in Denmark, Finland and Sweden

- **Dorthe Winther**, Sammenslutningen af Danske Småøer (Denmark), **Anetté Larm Johansson**, Skärgårdarnas Riksförbund (Sweden) and **Kristin Mattson**, Finlands öar RF – Suomen Saaret Ry.

14:45-15:45 Panel debate

15:45-16:00 Conclusions and next steps