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 Romer, 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  

*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 Biskopsto, 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