



NPA Annual Event 2022

YOUTH IN THE NPA

Including young people in making remote communities attractive

Wednesday

9th | Nov | 2022 | Bodø

9:00 - 9:15 Welcome address

- Ms Kari Anne Bøkestad Andreassen, Mayor of Nordland County
- Ms Biliana Sirakova, EU Youth Coordinator, European Commission (online)

9:15 - 9:45 What is Interreg NPA and how can young people benefit from the Programme

- Ms Kirsti Mijnhijmer, Head of Secretariat
- Mr Christopher Parker, Programme Manager

9:45 - 10:45 Life in Europe's peripheral areas

Young people share their experience of living in remote areas and vision of prosperous and attractive communities in the future.

- Mr Nils Ánda Baer, young Saami reindeer herder, Sweden
- Ms Birita Petersen, Faroese National Union of Students, Faroe Islands
- Ms Aisling Maloney, Student Activist, Ireland
- Ms Kristine Flem Willassen & Ms Leah Myhre, UNG2024 Board Members, Norway

10:45 - 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 - 12:15 The Green Shift, turning climate and environmental challenges into opportunities

Green transition brings new opportunities to remote areas in the Arctic and near-Arctic regions.

What do young people have to say about future developments?

Opening remarks:

- Ms Kjersti Bjørnstad, State Secretary at Ministry of Local Government and Regional development, Norway

Panel discussion:

- Ms Kari Anne Bøkestad Andreassen, Mayor of Nordland County, Norway
- Ms Eimear Manning, Youth & Climate Justice Development Officer, National Youth Council of Ireland
- Mr Ari Pappinen, Professor at Faculty of Science and Forestry, University of Eastern Finland



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12:15 - 13:15 Lunch

13:15 - 15:00 Discussing the future of the NPA at Open space dialogue

- Prof Ove Jacobsen, Norway, guiding the participants in designing concrete steps how to move from vision to action

15:00 - 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 - 16:30 Youth Friendly municipalities, from dream to reality

Examples of how municipalities and regions cooperate with young people, and what are the benefits of inclusive decisions-making processes.

- Mr Vegard Sem, Leader of Trøndelag Youth Council, Norway
- Ms Aviaaja Helene Barlach Pregaard, Project Manager at UNICEF Greenland
- Ms Esther Jónsdóttir, Member of the Icelandic Youth Environmentalist Association, Iceland

16:30 - 17:00 Closing remarks

19:00 Conference dinner at Quality Hotel Ramsalt

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