

Contributors

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Eeva-Maarit Aikio is head of the Department for Business and Community Development of Utsjoki Municipality, Finland. She is also a Ph. D student at the Sami University College.

Klavdiya Barashkova:

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Øyvind Berg:

Øyvind Berg is currently the head of the Department of Culture of Gamvik Municipality. Between 1977 and 1987 he was working full-time as a professional fisherman in the Barents Sea and around Svalbard. After two years of working here and there he became manager of Mehamn hotel and Lorden, a local restaurant. He was a successful local businessman until 2004, when he was offered the job in the municipal administration. Since he first came to Mehamn in 1977 he has been actively involved in the voluntary sector, mainly in relation to local youth, in everything from sport and snowmobiling, to cabaret and theater, as well as other more informal cultural and social activities in civil society. As leader of the municipal crisis team he has been taking part in most of the up and down turns of the community over the last 10 years. The success of the Youth Fishing project in Gamvik, 2009-13, depended mainly on his leadership and great experience with youth.

Galina Gabucheva:

Galina Gabucheva is Minister of National Policies in the Komi Republic, Russia

Tor Gjertsen:

Tor Gjertsen is an Associate Professor at the Institute of Tourism and Northern Studies at UiT The Arctic University of Norway. The last 25 years he has been involved in different projects and programs for business and community development in northern Norway, Russia, and Canada. Between 2006 and 2013, he was the leader of an international Thematic Network on Local and Regional Development on behalf of the University of the Arctic and Finnmark University College, his former employer. Through



the Thematic Network and the Gargia conferences for regional development, the main meeting place and forum for discussion of the Network, he has initiated and coordinated several joint international education, research, and development projects and programs between Network members and partners in the Circumpolar North.

Valeria Gjertsen:

Valeria Gjertsen born in the Komi Republic of Russia has become conscious of her strong attachment to the Circumpolar North after she moved to Alta in Northern Norway to work as a project coordinator for the University of the Arctic's Thematic Network on Local and Region Development. This work has contributed a lot to her understanding of community development processes in northern sparsely populated areas of Russia (Komi, Archangelsk, Yakutia, and Murmansk regions) and Norway (Finnmark and Troms counties). "I'm a circumpolar'er", Valeria used to say, and this identity plays important role in her daily work at UiT The Arctic University of Norway as a student officer at the School of Business Administration.

Greg Halseth:

Greg Halseth is a Professor in the Geography Program at the University of Northern British Columbia, Canada, where he is also the Canada Research Chair in Rural and Small Town Studies and Co-Director of UNBC's Community Development Institute. His research examines rural and small town community development, and local and regional strategies for coping with social and economic change.

Stig Hansen:

Stig Hansen is CEO of Nordkapp Næringsshage - North Cape Business Garden. This is a national concept – responsible for creating an environment and infrastructure for development and growth. He has a Master's degree and long experience in the sports movement, both as an active sportsman and in administration.

Yngve Johansen:

Yngve Johansen is from Tana in Finnmark, Norway. He has a background as a trainer and researcher, and he has experience teaching at all levels from kindergarten to Master level. He works most days with Sami statistics and Sami place names.

Jan Henry Keskitalo:

Jan Henry Keskitalo is a former Docent of Education at the Sámi University College in Finnmark, Northern/Norway. Also as a former Vice-President of Indigenous issues at the University of the Arctic and former Executive Chair of the World Indigenous Nations



Higher Education Consortium (WINHEC) his research and strategic work has focused on education issues and capacity building for Indigenous peoples throughout the Arctic.

Ekaterina Kniazeva:

Ekaterina Kniazeva is a recent PhD student of Saint Petersburg State University of Economics (Russia). Her research focuses on the theoretical basis of national economy's modernization and its specific option – moving towards sustainable development. Ekaterina has defended her dissertation in Economics in which she examines public policy-making in Russia's energy sector and its connection to the country's shift to sustainable development.

Galina Knyazeva:

Galina Knyazeva is a professor of Syktyvkar State University (Russia), and also a director of the educational programs and community development studies at the Center for Sustainable Development at SyktSU. Galina's studies are linked to the sustainable development of rural areas, where the majority of Indigenous Komi peoples live. The main attention in her research is paid to social capital - one of the bases of sustainable development; and to the ability of Indigenous people to self-organization and social entrepreneurship.

Julia Loginova:

Julia Loginova has completed the Management of Local and Regional Development program as a part of her Bachelor of Circumpolar Studies degree in 2010 and has received a graduate degree in Economics and Law in 2011. Since then she has been involved in a number of research and development projects promoting sustainable development in Circumpolar settlements. Currently, Julia is a PhD candidate at the University of Melbourne where she is examining the institutional dimensions of environmental, social, and economic change in northern Russia.

Svein Lund:

Svein Lund has been working as a mechanic and as a teacher, mainly in secondary school. He is now a freelance writer, he has published books about iron work and Sami school history and is now writing about mines. He is leader of the local group of the Association for Protection of Nature in Inner Finnmark. More information is available at: <http://sveinlund.info>

Don Manson:

Don Manson has spent the last two decades as a researcher and educator. His work has centred on the communities and people of Northern British Columbia.



Sean Markey:

Sean Markey is an Associate Professor with the Resource and Environmental Management Department in the Faculty of Environment at Simon Fraser University. His research concerns issues of local and regional economic development, community sustainability, rural development, and sustainable infrastructure.

Stefan Mikaelsson:

Stefan Mikaelsson is a member of Sámi parliament since its establishment 1993 and was deputy chair from 1996 and to 2009. In August 2009 was he elected as Chair of Sámi Parliament Plenary Assembly and was reappointed at the position in August 2013.

Marleen Morris:

Marleen Morris is the Co-Director of the Community Development Institute at the University of Northern British Columbia and an Adjunct Professor in the Geography Program at UNBC. Her research examines multi-sectoral collaboration, with a particular focus on community and regional development.

Natalia Okhlopkova:

For 11 years, Natalia Okhlopkova served as the Director of the Finance and Economics Institute of North-Eastern Federal University. As Director, she managed the project on Innovative Development of Northern Territories of Russia, created a model for realizing social and economic partnerships in Northern communities, and formed a teaching system of business schools for implementing ideas of innovative development in underpopulated local ethnic Northern communities.

Steinar-Ronald Pedersen:

Steinar Pedersen was born in 1947 in the Sea-Sámi community of Denodat/Vestertana in Finnmark, Norway. He is a historian, holding a PhD concerning the rights of the Sami to use renewable resources across the border between Finland and Norway. He has also published on sea-fisheries, the salmon-fishery in Deatnu/Tana River, the use of other kinds of natural resources, and on the impact of Norwegian nationalism to Sámi culture. He was for many years a researcher at the Nordic Sámi Institute in Guovdageaidnu/Kautokeino, and has been associate professor and principal at Sámi University College in the same village.

Trond Einar Persen:

Trond Einar Persen is an Adviser in Alta Municipality. He was educated both as a Kindergarten teacher and as an economist. He has been involved in community



development for the last ten years, both in the municipality and among municipalities in the region. The main focus in his projects has been to develop and support educational programming to help young people increase their entrepreneurial spirit. For the last 18 months he has been responsible for the business Incubator in Finnmark County. He also gives lectures on the business economy at the University of Tromsø.

Gunnar Reinholdtsen:

Gunnar Reinholdtsen is a grandfather and concerned citizen of the Arctic, wonderingly observing regional development and its background. He is an active NGO representative in Friends of the Earth Norway.

Tor Helge Reinsnes Moen:

Tor Helge Reinsnes Moen is working as Director of Cultural Affairs in Alta municipality. He is the former Head of Scene Finnmark/Sapmi Music and "Huset" in Alta. He has pedagogy training with additional courses in entrepreneurship, innovation, philosophy, and management.

Valerij Rochev:

Valerij Rochev is head of the Physical Training Department in Izhma Sport School for Children and Youth. He has 25 years of professional experience in the area. He graduated from the Udmurt State University and has received the "Excellence in Physical Education and Sports" award.

Oksana Romanova:

Oksana Romanova is leader of the Thematic Network on Local and Regional Development in the North", chair of the Master's program on "Public and municipal management" of the North-Eastern Federal University (Republic of Sakha, Russia), director of the Expert-consulting Center of the Institute of Finance and Economics of the NEFU, professor, PhD in Sociology. Her research interests are management of Northern territories. She also works on developing socio-economic development programs and development strategies of Northern municipalities and regions.

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Laura Ryser is the Research Manager of the Rural and Small Town Studies Program at the University of Northern British Columbia. Her research interests include small town community change, institutional barriers to change, building resiliency to respond to restructuring trends, labour restructuring, and rural poverty.



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Vera Smorchkova works as a Professor at the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, is the Scientific Director of the Master's program for training managers for the North and the Arctic.

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