



EXPLORING COMMON SOLUTIONS



INVITATION

IMPLEMENTATION OF SUICIDE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES IN THE CIRCUMPOLAR AREA

30 January – 1 February 2019

We invite you to the final workshop of the project Circumpolar Resilience, Engagement and Action through Story (CREATeS) taking place in Inari/Aanaar, Finland from January 30 to February 1, 2019. Project CREATeS supports suicide prevention and mental wellness efforts of the Arctic States and is being led under the auspices of the Sustainable Development Working Group of the Arctic Council, with Finland, Canada, the Kingdom of Denmark, and the Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC) as partners.

The Inari event will focus on implementation of suicide prevention strategies in the circumpolar area. Simultaneously to the larger event, a circumpolar digital story telling workshop will be organized for indigenous youth. The app. 12 youth representatives to this workshop will be nominated by the Permanent Participant organizations/Arctic States and its results will be presented to all participants in the end of the event. Also next steps for circumpolar collaboration on suicide prevention and mental wellness will be planned. You will find attached a draft agenda of the event.

We encourage participation from all over the circumpolar Arctic: researchers, policymakers, clinicians, representatives of indigenous communities, Arctic Council Permanent Participant organizations and the Arctic States. You can register to the event by using this [link](#). We urge you to be in contact with the Head of Delegation in your country to inform you about the plans to participate. You will find a list of Heads of Delegations to Arctic Council Sustainable Development Working Group by using this [link](#).

The organizers have pre-booked accommodation in Inari. You will find attached a practical information sheet with instructions on how to book a room. Please, note that the pre-booking is valid only until 30 November and after that date the availability of rooms cannot be guaranteed. The travel and accommodation costs are expected to be covered by the participants/their background organizations/sending States. Please contact Ms. Jasmin Jokinen at the National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL, Finland) with any logistical enquiries.

SEE YOU IN INARI!

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