

ARCTIC MAYORS' FORUM

Leadership in Action
Tromsø, Norway

MISSION

The Arctic Mayors' Forum is a pan-Arctic forum representing the voices of Arctic Peoples through elected leaders at the municipal and community level. It is made up of 19 member municipalities from across 7 Arctic states, and represents 1.2 million Arctic inhabitants.

AREAS OF WORK

- Sustainable Development
- Youth Engagement
- Health and Mental Well-Being
- Attractiveness and Retention
- Working with Partners

“NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US...”

It is vital that local and Indigenous people are at the centre of all things Arctic. Not only is it their home, but they have invaluable knowledge and experience in the region. Decisions about the north need to be made in and by the North.



I was living in Spàmi, on the traditional homelands of the Sàmi people who are Indigenous to northern Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Russia.



A picture I took from the boat between Harstad and Tromsø, Norway. I spent my LiA between these two Arctic cities.

ARCTIC COMMUNITIES

While in Norway I visited many Arctic communities, and attended two conferences where I learned about the unique and diverse range of **challenges** impacting Arctic communities. **Colonial legacies** continue to impact Indigenous Peoples across the Arctic. **The climate crisis** is destroying the homes, livelihoods, and lifestyles of many Arctic inhabitants. The region is facing a serious **cost of living crisis** which impacts the quality of life of residents. Unprecedented **security risks** also threaten the region.



A picture I took at midnight in Altevatnet, NO. I was in Norway during the midnight sun, so it never got dark.

MY WORK AT THE FORUM

- Arctic Policy Hackathon
- Arctic Mentorship
- Engaging the Canadian Arctic
- Communications
- Strategy



I attended the EU Arctic Forum and Indigenous People's Dialogue as part of the AMF delegation.