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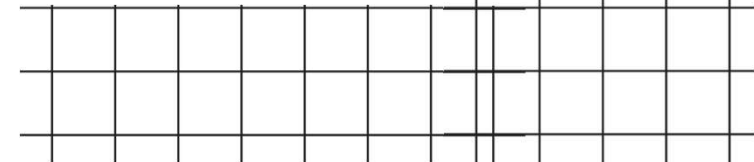
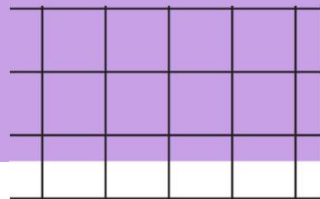


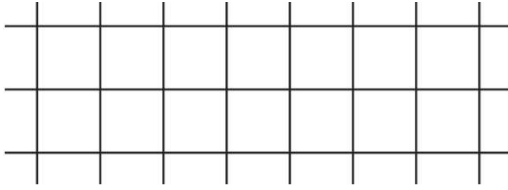
Transition Arena for a Sustainable Future Kimitoön

Building sustainable local future for the youth and with the youth

We make transition!, Trondheim partner meeting 13th November

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Kimitoön in a nutshell

- In Finland's Southwest archipelago
- Bilingual (Swedish-Finnish)
- Small (6000 inhabitants) and rural
- Many seasonal inhabitants, seasonal economy
- Few education facilities – youth move away young

Key challenges

- 1) Attractive ways of participation to sustainability transitions for the youth**
- 2) Possibilities for the youth to live sustainably in their home municipality in the future**
 - Attractiveness to come back after studies
- 3) Strengthening collaboration between youth, civil society actors and the municipality**

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Who were involved?

28 participants

- Kimitoön's youth parliament
- Kimitoön's environment association
- Kimitoön's municipality
- The local green party
- Kimitoön's Rotary Club
- Local residents as private persons
- Folkhälsan – NGO for public health
- Archipelago Sea Unesco Biosphere Reserve
- Kulturhus Björkboda – social enterprise for culture
- Skärgårdens Kultursällskap – a local association
- Paratiisiyhdistys – a local association

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The process & what was meaningful

The workshops

- I Envisioning the future we want
- II Transition paths by back casting
- III Formulating the first steps
- IV Agreeing on the agenda

- Meetings on individual experiments
- Meetings to keep up the agenda spirit

What mattered?

1. Sustainability-committed civil society actors
 - Future *for* the youth, not only *by* the youth (→ topic too broad or interesting?)
 - → Intergenerational approach
 - Most committed were small actors
2. Ensuring youth council member participation
3. Having money for making the change + reflective use
4. Thought of participants as change agents, who take the agenda forward
5. Empowering the active citizens

What will the impact be?

- **7+ sustainability** experiments – grassroots, youth and the municipality – we'll see what will fly
- A **youth council led structure** for reflection and long-term work → Permanent collaboration forum for youth, associations, local active residents and the municipality
 - Focus on tangible actions, yet a vision to 2044
 - Space for the youth to learn and discuss sustainability with the support of expert civil actors
- **Optimistic view: the tangible actions will bring the vision to life**
 - Need for long-term work, where adults are enablers for youth advocacy and learning on sustainability
 - Dialogue between youth and adults

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Top 3 learnings

1. Collaboration takes time and progresses slowly
2. Local sustainability transitions are possible through collaboration and challenging your own ideas
3. Participation, advocacy and tangible action on sustainability are possible for youth and civil sector actors

The sleeves are now rolled up!

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Thank you!

Kiitos!

Tack!

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