

## NNCC Newsletter, March 2013

After the cold months the Sun is finally reaching its rays all the way up to the North. It gives us new (and renewable!) energy. After an eventful autumn and winter, you can now read about our latest activities and what we have planned for 2013!

This Newsletter includes:

- 1) Energizing week with Jokkmokk Winter Conference 2013
- 2) Regional climate training in Luleå, April 11 and May 7
- 3) Environment weeks for schools in Narvik, Ii and Övertorneå

Contact information

### 1. Energizing week with Jokkmokk Winter Conference 2013

JWC gathered 230 participants from around 20 countries, from 32 partner organisations or companies, 10 universities or colleges, and decision-makers from 11 municipalities within the project region. We were honored to welcome also the Minister of the Environment from Sweden, Political Advisor for the Minister of the Environment Norway, President of the Sami Parliament in Sweden and Counsellors from the US and Canadian Embassies.

Also a project team from Narvik Upper Secondary school attended the conference. The students and teachers from the school take part in an international environmental project called Thigal, where also France and the Netherlands are partners. The pupils were very satisfied with the lectures during the conference, and with the opportunity to talk with other young people from different parts of the world. The conference gave the pupils from Narvik a lot of ideas and inputs regarding suitable topics for discussions and workshops organized by the school. Now they also have a lot of material for the Thigal project. The organizers of the conference appreciated that young students had benefited from the days of Jokkmokk and gladly welcome them back next year.



Jokkmokk Winter Conference is an annual international forum for students, decision makers and entrepreneurs from Northern Europe, North America and Russia. In 2014, the Jokkmokk Winter Conference will be held on 3-6 February. Read more about JWC on [www.nccc.se](http://www.nccc.se) and [www.nccc.se](http://www.nccc.se)

## 2. Regional climate training in Luleå, April 11 and May 7

Welcome to participate in an inspiring training about how energy and climate efforts can enhance regional development while contributing to the transition for fossil-free society! The meteorologist **Pär Holmgren** and other leading climate experts from Northern Sweden will be sharing their insights with you. Additionally, successful case stories from the region will be told.

Sweden's goal is to reduce emissions by 40 percent by 2020, a fossil fleet by 2030 and to have carbon neutral Sweden in 2050. How do we achieve these goals, and what can your workplace, community and region do to reduce emissions and create a sustainable future?

During the two day course, you get up-to-date information about climate change and about the possibilities in this region for renewable energy. You also get the opportunity to network and exchange ideas with others who see the potential of converting Norrbotten to a more sustainable society. You will receive a certificate signed by Energimyndigheten, Norrbotten's Energy Agency and the County Administrative Board, showing that you have completed the course and acquired skills for local work on sustainable energy and climate change. For more information and program see [www.nncc.eu](http://www.nncc.eu)

## 3. Environment weeks in schools in Narvik, Ii and Övertorneå

- In Narvik, Norway, NNCC experts held a training for teachers which was followed by workshops for 150 students. Several groups played What If and discussed the consequences of our current actions. On March 14 NNCC will participate in the partnership conference of the project Thigal at Narvik Upper Secondary School and discuss why it is important to include schools in the climate change work.
- NNCC ran school activities along the Energy-saving week for almost 1000 students in Ii, Finland, last October. Students from five schools learned what elements impact our climate and drew carbon footprints. The local energy advisor was there to calculate the energy costs for their own school and guide the students to visualize alternatives for energy production and consumption for the future. The rest of the schools in Ii will have their Energy Day during the spring term.
- During a week in January, the Primary School in Övertorneå, Sweden, worked with environment in collaboration with the NNCC project. After an introduction to ecological footprints, climate and the environment, the children visited the sewage plant, practised recycling and performed other exercises in the theme. An exhibition of the drawings and other work performed during the week by the children can be seen in an exhibition at the Town hall foyer in Övertorneå. A similar event is planned in the school in Svanstein in May.

We are happy to hear from you if you are interested to know more or have comments or ideas!

With (climate) friendly regards,  
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