

CENTRE FOR RURAL MEDICINE (GMC) STORUMAN

## Thriving Northern Communities

International Symposium, Storuman, 9 december



### YOU ARE INVITED TO THIS **FREE** EVENT

Please register your interest in attending by 30 November

The Centre for Rural Medicine (GMC) Storuman, Akademi Norr, and The Arctic Research Centre at Umeå University (ARCUM) are hosting a symposium at the Folketshus, Storuman on 9 December, bringing together academics and practitioners interested in 'northern' communities and their futures. The symposium includes presentations from Australia, Alaska, Canada, Russia, and, of course, Sweden. The symposium is an opportunity to learn about approaches to 'northern development' in these parts of the world, and to be inspired to think differently about what we can do here in the north of Sweden. Key themes include: economic development, health and social services, taking advantage of new technologies, and the role of government in regional development.

The seminar is open to anyone interested in the future of northern communities, and promises to generate creative discussion about ways to address development challenges and take advantage of community assets.

Please register your interest in attending with Gudrun Viklund ([gudrun.viklund@akademinorr.se](mailto:gudrun.viklund@akademinorr.se)) or +46 (0) 951 140 17. You can follow updates at [www.facebook.com/glesbygdsmedicin](https://www.facebook.com/glesbygdsmedicin) (under 'upcoming events'). We recommend Hotel Luspen ([www.hotelluspen.se](http://www.hotelluspen.se)) or Hotell Toppen ([www.hotelltoppen.se](http://www.hotelltoppen.se)) for accommodation. The symposium will include fika (twice!), lunch (at the Folketshus) and dinner (details to be announced). When registering, please advise of any dietary requirements.

## THRIVING NORTHERN COMMUNITIES

An international symposium presented by the Centre for Rural Medicine (GMC) Storuman, Akademi Norr, and the Arctic Research Centre at Umeå University (Arcum).

Tuesday 9 December, 2014

Folketshuset, Storuman, Sweden

0900-0930	Welcome and opening	Dean Carson, moderator
AROUND THE WORLD PART ONE		
0930-1000	The Northern Development Agenda in Australia	Professor Ruth Wallace Charles Darwin University, Australia
1000-1030	Ageing? Declining? Not a problem – experiences from the Alpine south	Professor Andreas Koch Salzburg University, Austria
1030-1045	Panel	
1045-1120	FIKA	
AROUND THE WORLD PART TWO		
1120-1140	Mobile work in resource industries must not contradict thriving northern communities: experiences in Russia and Canada	Dr Gertrude Eilmsteiner-Saxinger (with Susanna Gartler) University of Vienna, Austria
1140-1200	Planning for change: place based planning in remote northern Australia.	Dr Sharon Harwood James Cook University, Australia
1200-1220	Innovation and new industries in the north – international lessons	Dr Doris Carson Umeå University, Sweden
1220-1230	Panel	
1230-1330	LUNCH	
CLOSER TO HOME PART ONE		
1330-1350	Learning from and with our global colleagues – the value for northern Sweden	Niclas Forsling Competencor, Denmark
1350-1420	Rethinking ‘regional development’ as ‘local development’ in Sweden’s north	Dr Alexandre Dubois Nordregio, Sweden
1420-1440	Embedding knowledge making in our north – the Science Park concept.	Professor Per Sjölander Akademi Norr, Sweden
1440-1450	Panel	
1450-1520	FIKA	
CLOSER TO HOME PART TWO		
1520-1540	The ITTS project: transnational telemedicine and northern Sweden	Käte Alrutz Västerbottens Läns Landsting, Sweden
1540-1600	No polar bears, no icebergs: challenges for northern Sweden addressed by a new research project	Professor Peter Sköld Umeå University, Sweden
1600-1620	Rural medicine goes to town – taking the Storuman experience to the World	Dr Peter Berggren Centre for Rural Medicine, Storuman
1620-1640	Panel and Summary	
1650-1700	Formal close	

1700+

Informal dinner (venue to be confirmed)

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10 November, 2014

## A bit of an introduction to some of the invited speakers and their topics -

**Professor Ruth Wallace**, Director of the Northern Futures CRN and the Northern Institute at Charles Darwin University, Australia – What is Australia's Northern Development Agenda and what does it mean for northern communities? (<http://www.cdu.edu.au/the-northern-institute/ruth-wallace>). Professor Wallace is the KEYNOTE speaker for the event.



**Dr Gertrude ('Gertie') Eilmsteiner-Saxinger** is with Vienna University, but has been working for the last several years with communities in the north of Russia and Canada. Gertie is interested in patterns of work in the north (particularly in the mining and resources sector) and how communities adapt to having locals and visitors who work unusual patterns (fly-in/ fly-out, shift work etc). Gertie has some great stories about how communities can benefit from temporary workforces and workers who come and go.



**Dr Sharon Harwood** is a Certified Practicing Planner and a Corporate Member of the Planning Institute of Australia and continues to practice as a social and urban planner. Sharon currently lectures in Environmental and Regional Planning, Planning for Sustainable Communities and is the course co-ordinator for the Graduate Certificate in Planning for Indigenous Communities. Sharon's planning experience in remote areas coupled with her research projects in remote communities has led her to believe that urban planning theory and practice is unsuitable for application in non-urban settings. Sharon's primary research interest is now centered on how remote communities plan for change and how this in turn may inform planning theory and improve planning practices undertaken in remote locales.



**Dr Alexandre Dubois**, Nordregio – Rethinking 'regional development' as 'local development' in the north. (<http://www.nordregio.se/en/Our-Staff/Alexandre-Dubois/>)

**Professor Per Sjölander**, Akademi Norr – Embedding knowledge making in the north – the Science Park concept.

**Dr Sharon Harwood**, James Cook University, Australia – Planning for change: place based planning in remote Australia. (<https://research.jcu.edu.au/portfolio/sharon.harwood1/>)

**Professor Peter Sköld**, Umeå University, and Peter Berggren, Centre for Rural Medicine – Thriving health services in northern communities – how we can teach the cities a lesson!

More to come - including how northern towns can become more innovative in their thinking and acting, how mobile populations (tourists, long distance commute workers, seasonal workers) can make a positive contribution, and how research and practice can work together.