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Abstract - text box

Impacts of global migration are increasingly visible in the Arctic regions. Immigration entails a constantly changing local demographic and questions of diversity and integration are core issues addressed by social sciences and policy makers. The steady population decline in Finnish Lapland has led to the need to re-think ways to promote the region as an attractive place, especially for young people, to stay. This poster presentation deals with perceptions of young people who have recently immigrated to the Arctic and examines different factors of well-being from the youth's own perspectives. The emphasis is on highlighting the importance of incorporating immigrant youth's own views in policy and decision-making, as a mechanism to increase positive societal impacts in the region.