This seminar, exhibition and workshop brings together researchers and local actors from the Nordic countries to explore the role of new public spaces in remote rural areas. What kind of public spaces emerge in light of rural decline and what are their effects on quality of life and spatial development? Public space plays an increasingly vital role in the development of attractive and liveable rural environments in the Nordic countries. New meeting and activity spaces are being created and managed collaboratively by local communities and public authorities. They are often based on place-specific resources and development potential such as particular natural resources, landscape qualities and cultural heritage, while they are used by local and non-local users, residents and tourists, and thereby establish wider socio-spatial connections. In June 2019 a group of researchers explored three places along a Nordic transect from Denmark via Sweden to Norway. In this seminar, the researchers and invited local key actors from these places will share and discuss research findings and local experiences to define a potential new research and development agenda in spatial planning and design.

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PROGRAMME

10.30 Welcome and presentation round

11.00 Seminar introduction and presentation of research findings from a fieldtrip to Klitmøller (DK), Fengersfors (SE), and Vardø (NO)
Anne Tietjen, Gertrud Jørgensen and Rasmus Weitze, University of Copenhagen, Nils Björling, Chalmers, Göteborg, Inger-Lise Saglie, NMBU, Thomas Juel Clemmensen, UiT

12.00 Lunch with exhibition walk-and-talk

Nordic experiences presented by local key actors

13.00 Klitmøller and Cold Hawaii (DK)
Rasmus Johnsen (Cold Hawaii)

13.30 Fengersfors Bruk and Not Quite (SE)
Karl Hallberg and Ylva Frid (Not Quite)

14.00 Stenebyskolan, Campus outreach and local public space (SE)
Anders Lindgren (Stenebyskolan)

14.30 Coffee break

14.45 Vardø Restored (NO)
Brona Keenan (Vardø Restored)

15.15 Vardø and birding Varanger (NO)
Biotope architects

Mini workshop

15.45 Research and development questions across the Nordic experiences

17.00 End of day