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**Letter of support for the city of Tromsø's candidature for European Youth
Capital title**

The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to express its support for the city of Tromsø's candidature for the title of European Youth Capital 2026 and its ambitions to increase youth participation and young citizenship in the Norwegian Arctic. In the view of the Norwegian Government, this is a positive initiative that could play an important role in empowering young people throughout Norway.

Promoting sustainable economic growth and job creation in the north is in Norway's national interest. Building resilient communities in the Arctic and making the region an attractive place for young people to live and work are important priorities for Norway, and have strategic significance beyond demographics.

Further developing North Norway as a strong, dynamic and highly competent region is an effective way to safeguard Norwegian and European interests in the Arctic. I therefore give my full support to the city of Tromsø's candidature.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Anniken Huitfeldt".

Anniken Huitfeldt