

# GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2018

## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Gea Norvegica UNESCO Global Geopark, Norway, EGN 2006 / 2017



*Photo: "The painter Theodor Kittelsen and the secret of the moraine island"*

## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

**Number of Geopark staff:** Five staff members including three geologists

**Number of Visitors:** Entrance to all Geopark localities are free of charge and not countable at the moment. Participants on organised tours (950)

**Number of Geopark events:** 40 guided tours and 15 outdoor and indoor events

**Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:** 20 school classes

**Number of Geopark press releases:** 15

## 3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

**Major achievements in 2018.**

- Two new exhibitions in collaboration with DuVerden science centre at their facilities and further development of the Geoparks visitors centre, including collective exhibitions with Telemark Museum.

### **Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation**

- Participation in the EGN AC and CC meeting in Karavanke/Karawanken Geopark, Austria/Slovenia and EGN AC and CC meeting and the GGN conference in Adamello Brenta UGGP Italy.
- Manager is vice coordinator in EGN and treasure in GGN. Several Skype meetings with GGN ExB and meetings with other Global Geoparks and Geopark projects.
- UGG Council meeting in Adamello Brenta,
- Four revalidation mission: UK, Kazakhstan, and two in China

### **Management and Financial status**

- Gea Norvegica Geopark is an inter-municipal company. The Geopark is owned by seven municipalities and two counties. The Geopark is fully financed by the owners, according to a legal agreement. The Geopark have three full time positions, and three part-time positions.

### **Geoconservation**

- According to Norwegian law and local regulations, the Geopark panels are equipped with intervention about how to behave.

### **Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)**

- Participation with local tourism enterprise. Focus on knowledge based tourism

### **New Education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction**

- Marine litter project – hundreds of students has learned about, collected and registered marine waste along our coast.
- Educational programs on natural disasters both focused towards kids and adults, at DuVerden science centre and Folque Pub – respectively.

### **Strategic Partnership**

- Partnerships with local enterprises and hotels. Norwegian University of Life Sciences, University of Oslo, Natural history Museum. Friluftsrådet, University of South East Norway, Telemark museum, Århus Farm and DuVerden science centre.

### **Promotional activities**

- Program for guided tours, general leaflets, website, Newsletter Facebook and Instagram.

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