



Nordhordland -
What do we live by?



About us:

- **Nordhordland Chamber of Commerce** was founded in 1972.

- **Member organization:**
 - 370 companies
 - promotes business interests in the Nordhordland region
 - Meeting place and network arena



An aerial photograph of an industrial facility, likely a refinery or chemical plant, situated on a coastal peninsula. The facility features numerous large storage tanks, processing units, and a complex network of pipes and roads. A large cargo ship is docked at a pier on the right side of the peninsula. The surrounding landscape is a mix of green fields and dense forests, with a large body of water in the foreground and a vast expanse of water and islands in the background under a clear sky.

The industry of Mongstad

THE BIGGEST INDUSTRY AREA IN NORWAY



Refinery



Green technology



TCM | CCS



Oil service

algae – sludge / bag recycling – platform recycling – offshore wind - rig maintenance

Knarvik upper secondary school:

- Education in vocational and university-preparatory studies.
- Located 30 kilometers north of Bergen in Knarvik, the region capital of **Alver Municipality** with 29000 inhabitants.
- **170 employees** and the school has approximately **1000 students**.

What have we accomplished already?

- The school and the local businesses have cooperated to establish the **TAF-education in 1992.**

TAF is a 4-year educational program that ends with both a certificate and university/college certification.

What was the challenges?

- Some counties of Nordhordland have been working on a merger. The result is that three large counties have merged in our region.
- It was sporadic contact between the counties and the school.
- With the establishment of the new **Alver Municipality**, none of the region planners invited the upper secondary school to any cooperation.

What do we wish for?

- To strengthen the school as a natural part of the region centre, and to work well together in a structured manner.
- To contribute equally to support each other through cooperation, so that the school and region becomes a natural choice for the students when choosing both education and work.

We have been inspired and have seen opportunities in developing new cooperations:

- **Nordhordland Aktiva** (Assets of Nordhordland): Gathering inspiration from an idea and model from Barcelona, we wanted to develop a systematic cooperation between different operators in our area that are involved in youth lacking work or being available for work.
- Partners:
 - **The local career centre**
 - **The labour and welfare administration**
 - **Nordhordland chamber of commerce**

Goal: We wanted to use the potential and benefits of seeing the whole picture and working together instead of working alone.

Other results and possible outcomes:

- **DH/BA – decorating pathways in Knarvik**

Design and Craftmanship (DH) and Building and Construction (BA) were challenged to take part in creative processes in planning the walking paths in the new region center.

- **Welfare Technology:**

Lindås Municipality (now Alver Municipality) wants us to establish a strong cooperating partnership in developing welfare technology.

- **3D-printer in metal, new and costly technology:**

Also a project coming from a cooperation with local businesses, municipality and Knarvik upper secondary school.

- **A new project:** Alver Municipality is looking for a new Erasmus+ project with Kvam Municipality and Knarvik upper secondary school.

A new meeting for the region:

- **KAN - meeting** (Knarvik upper secondary school, Alver county og Nordhordland Chamber of Commerce.
- All these mentioned examples above have given us the realization that these can occur to our cooperation. **It is important for us that we establish a structured cooperation were the Alver Municipality is included.**
- We see the potential in a three-part cooperation where we include local businesses, schools and the county. In that way we can develop a cross-sector cooperation where we can share challenges and needs.
- By doing this we can also build a system that is not dependent on one person, but can work even if someone is relocated to a new position.

Thank you for your attention!