

Statement – Students are concerned about the tourism in Lapland

The Student Union of the University of Lapland, the Student Union of Lapland University of Applied Sciences, the Student Organisation for Tourism Research Students of the University of Lapland and the Student Organisation for Tourism Students in the Lapland UAS are concerned about the future of tourism and travelling in Lapland during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The students are concerned about the travel industry's future. Local firms have already had to announce negotiation about lay-offs. If there is no action taken to ensure safe travelling to Lapland, it will cause a ripple effect that has consequences from local businesses' filing for bankruptcy to our students' employment in the future. During their studies many of our students are working in the travelling and restaurant industry and therefore this has immediate consequences on their day to day life.

This uncertainty is why we wish for the government to take action and research how to revive the travelling industry after suffering the effects of the pandemic. We understand the worries and that safety cautions are very necessary when dealing with travelling during these difficult times but wish that we can all move forward and continue on with safety and health obviously being the first priorities.