

# Coastal communities, innovation and climate resilience – A case study in the Westfjords, Iceland

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# Background

- Environmental science
- Environmental engineering
- Interested in the social science aspect of climate change



# Idea

- Innovation as a driver for regional development
- Project “Fostering Innovation in Rural Iceland”
- Innovation as a driver for climate resilience?





# Project

How can an inclusive innovation/  
women entrepreneurship approach in  
rural development help to enhance  
resilience and liveability of the  
Westfjords?

- Focus on women
  - Are still underrepresented
  - Feminist innovation
- Subtle transitions
- Innovation as an open concept



# Case Study - Westfjords

- Population: 7100
- Underdeveloped infrastructure
- Rural decline
- Isafjörður as the capital and the supply center of the region





# Casestudy - Westfjords

- Fishery still dominant
- Tourism growing
- Already some grassroot organizations
  - Groandi
  - Beach clean-ups
  - Children and aquaponic
  - Food sharing



# Methods

- Assessment of the current situation
  - Vulnerability assessment regarding climate change?
- Literature research
  - Innovation with focus on women
- Action research?
  - Feminist theory in action





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