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"Like it or not it will change."

Kalaallit Nunaat sikoqanngitsoq?

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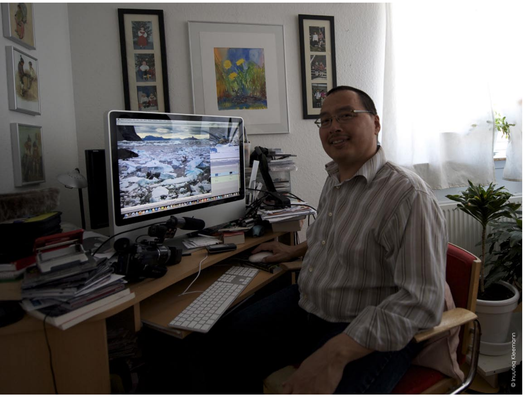
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Greenland with no ice?

Hey, my is name Michael. I'm sixteen years old I live in Uummannaq and I think this climate change may change the lives of many people of Greenland . I hope someone can do something fast so our way of life will not change. Because ice has been important for our culture and our lives for many, many years -- hunting, ice roads, dog sledge races -- and people around Greenland have somehow adapted to it. Climate change may affect it all, especially animals, like dogs. What if there won't be any ice left in Greenland , what will happen to them? I wonder if there will be species that will be here or won't be here after climate change, like fishes, birds, seals and whales? If there were less fish or different fish species because of climate change then the fish factories may have a hard time because fish is one of the most important incomes for Greenland. I hope that we find a way to make things less hard for all. I mean Greenland with no ice? I can't picture it in my head. Climate change will happen slowly but surely. Like it or not it will change. I don't know what will happen but why concentrate on the bad news? Why not some good news, like it may be summer for a whole year? Luckily this year we have ice. A few years ago, there was no ice. It was boring. I couldn't walk from a settlement to another settlement.

— Michael Jakobsen

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