

THEME: TRAINING AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

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1. Public awareness

- Long-standing and widespread public interest in geographical names in Iceland; national and local press coverage and debate
- Recent tendency at municipal level towards inviting public input re. choice of old and new geographical names



2. Training

- Place-name collection has a long history in Iceland and has always relied on local participation and collaboration
- 2021-2022 "Hvar er?" trial by NLSI/AMI to collect co-ordinates of geographical names using crowd-sourcing (via www.nafnid.is interface)
- 12 courses held around Iceland and



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3. In conclusion

- Public involvement brings certain challenges with it
- But encouraging wider participation can raise awareness and create opportunities to disseminate knowledge



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