Summary of participants’ characteristics and views on education.

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| Pseudonym | Age / Gender | Education / Occupation | Short history | Views on what is needed in Mari and Karelian schools |
| 1. Marianna | 28 / F | University degree in Economics / on a maternity leave | Grew up in a mixed community, has limited knowledge of the Mari culture and history, speaks Mari fluently (it was spoken at home and at school). | Compulsory Mari language and culture learning for all in the republic of Mari El |
| 2. Miklai | 27 / M | University degree in Military Education / works in rescue and firefighting department | Grew up in a mixed community, has limited knowledge of the Mari culture and history, speaks Mari fluently (it was spoken at home but not at school). | Compulsory Mari language and culture learning for all in the republic of Mari El |
| 3. Marina | 53 / F | Vocational training in Economics / farmer | Grew up in a Mari community, has limited knowledge of the Mari culture and history, speaks Mari fluently (it was spoken at home but not at school). | Compulsory Mari language and culture learning for all in the republic of Mari El |
| 4. Mary | 26  / F | University degree in Social Sciences / works in tourism | Grew up in a mixed community, has extensive knowledge of the Mari culture and history due to the occupation, speaks Mari fluently (it was spoken at home and at school). | Compulsory Mari language and culture learning for all in the republic of Mari El |
| 5. Mitri | 61 / M | University degree in Engineering / retired | Grew up in a Mari community, has limited knowledge of the Mari culture and history, speaks Mari fluently (it was spoken at home and at school). | Compulsory language and culture learning only for Mari school children, optional for others |
| 6. Mamich | 57 / M | Vocational training in Engineering / works in service company | Grew up in a Mari community, has limited knowledge of the Mari culture and history, speaks Mari fluently (it was spoken at home and at school). | No compulsory Mari language and culture learning, only optional classes should be offered |
| 7. Maira | 47 / F | University degree in teaching / works in school | Grew up in a Mari community, has extensive knowledge of the Mari culture and history acquired at home and at school, speaks Mari fluently (it was spoken at home and at school). | Compulsory Mari language and culture learning for all in the republic of Mari El |
| 8. Marpa | 23 / F | University degree in Social Sciences / works in IT-company | Grew up in a mixed community, has extensive knowledge of the Mari culture and history acquired mostly through to self-education, does not speak the Mari language but understands when other people talk (it was sometimes spoken at home but not at school). | Compulsory Mari language and culture learning for all in the republic of Mari El |
| 9. Marshan | 28 /M | University degree in Military Education / works in rescue and firefighting department | Grew up in a mixed community, has limited knowledge of the Mari culture and history, does not speak the Mari language but understands when other people talk (it was sometimes spoken at home but not at school). | Compulsory Mari language and culture learning for all in the republic of Mari El |
| 10. Malika | 28 / F | University degree in Teaching / works in higher education | Grew up in a mixed community, has extensive knowledge of the Mari culture and history acquired at home and through self-education, does not speak the Mari language at all (it was not spoken at home/at school). | Compulsory Mari language and culture learning for all in the republic of Mari El |
| 11. Karen | 25 / F | University degree in History / works for an NGO | Grew up in a Karelian community, has extensive knowledge of the Karelian culture and history, has limited command of the Karelian language (basic level, Karelian was not spoken at home/at school). | Compulsory language and culture learning only for Karelian school children, optional for others |
| 12. Karina | 29 / F | University degree in Engineering / works in a creative industry | Grew up in a Russian community, has limited knowledge of the Karelian culture and history, does not speak Karelian (it was not spoken at home/at school). | No compulsory Karelian language and culture learning, only optional classes should be offered |
| 13. Kennett | 31 / M | University degree in Forestry / works in event management | Grew up in a Russian community, has limited knowledge of the Karelian culture and history, does not speak Karelian (it was not spoken at home/at school). | No compulsory Karelian language and culture learning, only optional classes should be offered |
| 14. Kathrin | 30 / F | University degree in Tourism / works in fashion, stylist | Grew up in a Russian community, has limited knowledge of the Karelian culture and history, does not speak Karelian (it was not spoken at home/at school). | Compulsory Karelian language and culture learning for all in the republic of Karelia |
| 15. Kyle | 29 / M | University degree in Tourism / works in banking | Grew up in a Russian community, has extensive knowledge of the Karelian culture and history acquired through self-education, has limited command of the Karelian language (basic level, Karelian was not spoken at home/at school). | No compulsory Karelian language and culture learning, only optional classes should be offered |
| 16. Kallista | 65 / F | Vocational training in Construction / retired | Grew up with some Karelian people around (in a mixed community), has some knowledge of the Karelian culture and history, speaks Karelian fluently (it was spoken at home but not at school). | No compulsory Karelian language and culture learning, only optional classes should be offered |
| 17. Kendrick | 31 / M | PhD in ethnology (Finno-Ugric specialization) / teaches Karelian and related subjects | Grew up with some Karelian people around (in a mixed community), has extensive knowledge of the Karelian culture and history due to the occupation, speaks Karelian fluently (it was spoken at home but not at school). | Compulsory Karelian language and culture learning for all in the republic of Karelia |
| 18. Katelyn | 21 / F | University student majoring in Finno-Ugric studies (Karelian language is the main subject) | Grew up in a Russian community, has extensive knowledge of the Karelian culture and history, speaks Karelian fluently (though it was not spoken at home/at school), learned it later through extracurricular activities and university courses. | Compulsory Karelian language and culture learning for all in the republic of Karelia |
| 19. Kandyce | 29 / F | University degree in Theatre / works in a theatre | Grew up in a Karelian community, has extensive knowledge of the Karelian culture and history acquired at home, at school, and at university, speaks Karelian fluently (it was spoken at home and at school). | No compulsory Karelian language and culture learning, only optional classes should be offered |
| 20. Kelly | 41 / F | University degree in Finno-Ugric studies / teaches Karelian and related subjects | Grew up in a Karelian community, has extensive knowledge of the Karelian culture and history acquired at home, at school, and at university, speaks Karelian fluently (it was spoken at home but not at school). | Compulsory Karelian language and culture learning for all in the republic of Karelia |