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**Story Headline:** Winter Youth Olympic Games Lillehammer 2016 legacy comes to light one year on, as young stars set sights on Pyeongchang 2018 and Norwegian Olympic Committee announces surplus funds from the cost of the event.

**Location:** Lillehammer, Norway & Lausanne, Switzerland

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### STORY SCRIPT

Only a handful of those gold medal winning Winter Youth Olympic Games stars from Lillehammer 2016 will manage to qualify for the Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang South Korea next year but according to Tomas Holmestad, the Norwegian CEO of Lillehammer 2016, the legacy from last years' Games is being seen more than just in the slopes and on the ice.

20 million Norwegian Krone (2.4 million US dollars) surplus from the cost of putting on the event was announced last week by the Norwegian Olympic Committee (NIF), the leftover funds consisting of profit and state guarantee, all of which will be put into the national Norwegian sports system.

Six million Krone (NOK) has been pledged to the new Lillehammer



Legacy Centre which the International Olympic Committee also supported with one million NOK, 11 million NOK will go to a youth volunteer fund, two million NOK to healthy eating workshops and the remaining one million NOK will support a biennial youth games and a youth volunteer conference.

The existing venues from the Olympic Winter Games Lillehammer 1994 were used and upgraded for Lillehammer 2016 and they continue to be used for national and international events. Finally, the Youth Olympic Village, which was supported by an IOC 108 million NOK contribution, is now serving as student accommodation for 360 aspiring athletes.

One year ago today on 21 February 2016, the flame of the Winter Youth Olympic Games Lillehammer 2016 was extinguished after 10 days of competition that saw 200,000 spectators visit the region to watch over 1100 athletes compete.

Sixty four athletes made the jump from the first winter YOG in Innsbruck in 2012 to the Olympic Winter Games Sochi 2014 and this number of YOG athletes is set to increase at PyeongChang 2018 with athletes such as Alpine skier Mélanie Meillard (SUI) who since winning Youth



Olympic gold is now a serious contender on the FIS World Cup circuit; US snowboarder Chloe Kim who went straight onto pick up another X Games gold and YOG cross country champion Magnus Kim (KOR) who continued his winning streak as recently as this week claiming gold at the Asian Winter Games 2017.

The Lillehammer 2016 'ones to watch' list also includes;

- Nadine Fest, Gold Ladies alpine Skiing, Super-G (AUT)
- Reece Howden, Gold Men's Freestyle Ski, Ski Cross (CAN)
- Manon Petit, Gold Ladies Snowboard, Snowboard Cross (FRA)
- Ashleigh Fay Pittaway, Gold Ladies Skeleton, Individual (GBR)
- Tim Kopp, Gold, Men's Skiing, Nordic Combined K90 (70m) (GER)
- Lukas Gufler, Gold, Men's Luge doubles (ITA)
- Sivert Guttorm Bakken, Gold Men's Biathlon, 10km Pursuit (NOR)
- Moa Lundgren, Gold Ladies, Skiing, Cross Country S, Cross-Free (SWE)

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