

# Bjørn Christian Weinbach

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*"Prediction is very difficult, especially if it's about the future."*

## Summary

Current Researcher at The Western Norway Research Institute and Phd Student at Western Norway University of Applied Sciences. BE in Computer Science from The Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Gjøvik. M.Sc. in Computer Science from University of Stavanger. Main area of research is Deep Learning and Object Detection.

## Work Experience

### Western Norway Research Institute

Sogndal, Norway

SUMMER INTERNSHIP / RESEARCHER / PHD STUDENT

Jun. 2021 - today

- Research Intern summer of 2021. Participated in Teknoløft Sogn og Fjordane with an aim of identifying data science applications in the region.
- Masters Thesis: Fairness and Interpretability in Machine Learning written together with University of Stavanger and Western Norway Research Institute.
- Full Time employee as of August 2022 working as a researcher in Teknoløft Sogn og Fjordane.
- PhD Student as of January 2023.

### Norwegian Digitalisation Agency

Leikanger, Norway

SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Jun. 2020 - Aug. 2020

- Tasked with planning and developing a new application aimed at youth in Norway.
- Worked as back-end developer during the internship. Mostly using PHP and the Drupal 8 framework.

### Norwegian University of Science and Technology.

Gjøvik, Norway

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Aug. 2018 - Jun. 2020

- Teaching assistant in Fundamental Programming in C++ fall of 2018 and 2019. Worked mainly by supervising and guiding first year students in weekly tasks and during assignments. Also graded assignments and helped students preparing for exams.
- Teaching assistant in Object-Oriented Programming in C++ spring of 2019 and 2020. Worked mainly by supervising and guiding first year students in weekly tasks and during assignments. Also graded assignments and helped students preparing for exams.
- Teaching assistant in Algorithmic Methods in C++ spring fall of 2019. Worked mainly by supervising and guiding second year students in weekly tasks and while preparing for exams.

### Sogn og Fjordane County Municipality

Leikanger, Norway

COMPUTER TECHNICIAN & CUSTOMER SUPPORT

Aug. 2015 - May. 2017

- Maintenance tasks in the windows server environment, customer support and other technical tasks.
- Worked here as an apprentice until January 2017. Employed as Computer Technician from January to May.

## Presentation

### Presenter at Framtidsfylket in Trondheim

Trondheim, Norway

FRAMTIDSFYLKET - TRONDHEIM

March. 2023

- Introduced The Western Norway Research Institute.
- Presented myself, my team, department and the Research areas of The Western Norway Research Institute.
- Encouraged students from The Norwegian University of Science and Technology to apply.

### Lunch Presentation at the Western Norway University of Applied Sciences

Sogndal, Norway

FAGLUNGSJ: BJØRN CHRISTIAN WEINBACH - KUNSTIG INTELLIGENS I AKADEMIA

Feb. 2023

- Introduced ChatGPT and Large Language Models.
- Discussed the challenges with Large Language Models and the future developments of the technology.
- Responded to questions about AI technologies and related technologies.

### Presenter at Speedforskning at Western Norway University of Applied Sciences

Sogndal, Norway

SPEEDFORSKING

Sep. 2022

- Introduced the philosophical definitions of Information and Data.
- Presented Images as a valid and valuable data source.
- Discussed the rise of social media and the true value of data.

# Organizing Committee

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2023 **Organiser**, SAIDD | Symposium on AI, Data and Digitalization

*Sogndal Norway*

## Education

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### Western Norway University of Applied Sciences

*Sogndal and Bergen, Norway*

PHD IN COMPUTER SCIENCE (ONGOING)

*Jan. 2023 -*

- Ongoing PhD in Computer Science. Main area of focus is computer vision and object detection.

### University of Stavanger

*Stavanger, Norway*

M.SC IN COMPUTER SCIENCE - DATA SCIENCE

*Aug. 2020 - Jun. 2022*

- Engineering degree in Computer Science with specialisation in Data Science.

### Uppsala University

*Uppsala, Sweden*

EXCHANGE SEMESTER

*Aug. 2021 - Jan. 2022*

- Elective courses in computer science with specialisation in data science, stochastic machine learning, databases II and image analysis.

### Norwegian University of Science and Technology

*Gjøvik, Norway*

B.E. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

*Jun. 2017 - Jun. 2020*

- Engineering degree in computer science. Elective courses were Mathematics 3, Infrastructure as Code and Introduction to Artificial Intelligence.

### Sogn og Fjordane County Municipality

*Leikanger, Norway*

CERTIFICATE OF APPRENTICESHIP: COMPUTER TECHNICIAN

*Aug. 2015 - Jan. 2017*

- Apprenticeship at the Sogn og Fjordane County Municipality.

## Extracurricular Activity

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### Red Party - Sogndal

*Norway*

LEADER AND BOARD MEMBER

*Jan. 2023 - Present*

- Established the red party as a local party in Sogndal.
- Elected for 1 year as local party leader
- Areas of interest include climate change, nature preservation and inequality.

### Norwegian Society for the Conservation of Nature

*Norway*

BOARD MEMBER

*Mar. 2023 - Present*

- Elected as board member.
- Work area has been preservation of Sognefjorden and the local nature in the region of Indre Sogn.