

United Kingdom & The Arctic Circle Assembly 2024

These are the sessions organised by representatives within the United Kingdom at this year's Assembly. Also included are the sessions with speakers from, or based in the United Kingdom.

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THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER

09.00–09.55:

THE FUTURE OF POLAR SCIENCE DIPLOMACY: A CRITICAL MISSION IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

Organised by: Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation; Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School, USA; International Arctic Science Committee (IASC)

Including speaker: Jane Francis, British Antarctic Survey, UK
Location: Kaldalón, Harpa Ground Floor

09.00–09.55:

EXPLORE THE CHILL – BUILDING SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FUTURES

Organised by: Nordic Energy Research; Scottish Arctic Network; ArcticNet, Canada

Including speaker: Daria Shapovalova, Aberdeen University, UK
Location: Rima B, Harpa Ground Floor

FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER

08.30–09.25:

INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEAR 2032–33: FROM CONCEPT TO ACTION

Organised by: International Arctic Science Committee (IASC); Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR); International Science Council (ISC); UArctic

Speakers include: Henry Burgess, NERC Arctic Office and Jane Francis, British Antarctic Survey
Location: Silfurberg Hall, Harpa Second Level

09.35–10.30:

THE POWER OF ECOCIDE LAW: IN CONVERSATION WITH JOJO MEHTA & PERTTI SALOLAINEN

Organised by: Stop Ecocide International; WWF Finland

Including speaker: Jojo Mehta, Stop Ecocide International, UK
Location: Kaldalón, Harpa Ground Floor

09.35–10.30:

TOWARDS THE INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEAR: WHAT NEW KNOWLEDGE IS NEEDED FOR ARCTIC SECURITY AND GOVERNANCE?

Organised by: Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI); Royal Danish Defence College

Including speakers: Ingrid A. Medby, Newcastle University, UK and Hannes Hansen-Magnussen, Cardiff University, UK
Location: Björtuloft, Harpa Fifth Level

18.15–19.10:

RECEPTION British Arctic Drinks!

Hosted by British Embassies in Reykjavik and Copenhagen

Open to all participants

Location: Eyri, Second floor, Harpa

20.15– 21.10:

ARCTIC INNOVATION LAB: YOUNG LEADERS' IDEAS FOR A BETTER ARCTIC

Organised by: Arctic Initiative, Belfer Center, Harvard Kennedy School, USA; Iceland School of Energy, Reykjavik University; Ilisimatusarfik- University of Greenland; Fletcher School, Tufts University, USA; University of Alaska Fairbanks, USA; UiT- The Arctic University of Norway; University of Iceland; Association for Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS) Iceland & Denmark; Barents Regional Youth Council

Including speaker: Mathieu Lamontagne-Cumiford, University of Manchester, UK

Location: Björtuloft, Harpa Fifth Level

09.35–10.30:

BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN THE ARCTIC AND SOUTHERN EUROPE: FOCUS ON PORTUGAL

Organised by: Polar Research and Policy Initiative, UK & Portugal

Including speaker: Dwayne Ryan Menezes, Polar Research and Policy Initiative, UK & Portugal

Location: Akrafjall, Harpa Fourth Level

09.35–10.30:

ICELAND AND THE UNITED KINGDOM: ARCTIC SCIENCE PARTNERSHIPS

Organised by: UK Science and Innovation Network; Arctic Office, Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), British Antarctic Survey; British Embassy Reykjavik; Icelandic Ministry for Foreign Affairs; Rannís - The Icelandic Centre for Research

Speakers: Henry Burgess, NERC Arctic Office, UK; Bryony Mathew, British Ambassador to Iceland, British Embassy Iceland, Ágúst Hjörtur Ingþórsson, Rannís - The Icelandic Centre for Research, Mariana Garcia Criado, University of Edinburgh, Isabel C Barrio, Agricultural University of Iceland, Tariq Ahmed, Teesside University, David Finger, Reykjavik University, Audrey Louise Matthews, University of Akureyri, Ásta Margrét Ásmundsdóttir, University of Akureyri.

Location: Esja, Harpa Fifth Level

10.40–12.15:

PLENARY SESSIONS

III. THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE ARCTIC

Stephen Doughty MP, Minister of State (Europe, North America, UK Overseas Territories and Polar), UK

Location: Silfurberg Hall, Harpa Second Level

14.50–15.45:

NATURE'S BALANCE SHEET - SCOTTISH VIEWS ON PRIVATE FINANCE AND NATURAL CAPITAL

Organised by: The Scottish Parliament

Including speakers: Ben Macpherson MSP, Member of the Scottish Parliament, Monica Lennon MSP, Member of the Scottish Parliament, Bryndís Haraldsdóttir, Member of the Icelandic Parliament; President, Nordic Council

Location: Akrafjall, Harpa Fourth Level

16.00–16.55:

SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF STATE OBSERVERS TO THE ARCTIC COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS

Organised by: UK Science and Innovation Network; Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), British Antarctic Survey; Arctic Council - Norwegian Chairship and Working Groups

Speakers: Henry Burgess, NERC Arctic Office, UK; Linda Solstrand Dahlberg, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rolf Rødven, Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme, Norway, Lauren McWhinnie, Heriot-Watt University, UK, Jeremy Wilkinson, British Antarctic Survey, UK, Iwan Jones, Queen Mary University London, UK

Moderator: Anne Laugesen, UK Science and Innovation Network, British Embassy Copenhagen

Location: Skarðsheiði, Harpa Third Level

16.00–16.55:

ARCADE: NEW SOLUTIONS TO SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES IN THE ARCTIC

Organised by: ARCADE - The Arctic Academy for Social and Environmental Leadership; Center for Arctic Studies, University of Iceland; Sustainability Institute, University of Iceland; UiT - The Arctic University of Norway; Ilisimatusarfik - University of Greenland; Arctic Initiative, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School, USA; Arctic Circle

Including speaker: Mathieu Lamontagne-Cumiford, University of Manchester, UK

Location: Norðurljós, Harpa Second Level

17.10–18.05:

**ARCTIC AND THE WORLD?
COMPARATIVE ARCTIC GEOPOLITICS**

Organised by: Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI); Royal Danish Defence College

Including speaker: Philip Steinberg, Durham University, UK

Location: Háaloft, Harpa Eighth Level

17.10–18.05:

A RAPIDLY CHANGING ARCTIC: IMPLICATIONS FOR SCIENCE, POLICY AND DIPLOMACY

Organised by: UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office; German Federal Foreign Office

Including speaker: Kelly Hogan, British Antarctic Survey, UK

Moderators include: James Jansen, Senior Arctic Lead & Deputy Head of Polar Regions Department, Overseas Territories and Polar Directorate, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, UK

Location: Silfurberg Hall, Harpa Second Level

18.20–19.15:

DIVERSIFIED IN UNITY: OPTIMIZING OBSERVER ENGAGEMENT IN THE ARCTIC COUNCIL

Organised by: Polish Polar Consortium; Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Poland

Including speaker: James Jansen, Senior Arctic Lead & Deputy Head of Polar Regions Department, Overseas Territories and Polar Directorate, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, UK

Location: Kaldalón, Harpa Ground Floor

18.20–19.15:

DIALOGUE & LEARNING: CANADA, INUIT NUNANGAT & UK ARCTIC RESEARCH PROGRAMME

Organised by: NERC Arctic Office; Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami; Polar Knowledge Canada; National Research Council Canada; Fonds du Recherche du Québec

Speakers: David Hik, Polar Knowledge Canada, Janice Bailey, Fonds de recherche du Québec, Anne Barker, National Research Council, Canada, Carrie Grable, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, Paul Mann, Northumbria University, UK, Jackie Dawson, University of Ottawa, Canada and Cameron Johnstone, University of Strathclyde, UK

Moderator: Henry Burgess, NERC Arctic Office, UK

Location: Esja, Harpa Fifth Level

20.15–21.10:

IMAGINING AND SONIFYING THE ARCTIC: ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES AND ARTISIM

Organised by: University of Iceland; Intelligent Instruments Lab, Iceland; Hornafjörður Research Centre, Iceland; University of Westminster, UK

Including speakers: Monica Germanà, University of Westminster, UK, Lizanne Henderson, University of Glasgow, UK

Location: Akrafjall, Harpa Fourth Level

SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER

09.00–09.55:

ARCTIC MILITARY (IN)SECURITIES: CRITICAL REFLECTIONS

Organised by: UArctic Critical Arctic Studies Thematic Network

Including speaker: Anna J Davis, University of Oxford, UK; Grimsson Fellow, Iceland

Location: Skarðsheiði, Harpa Third Level

09.00–09.55:

ORKNEY'S LINKS WITH THE ARCTIC AND SHARED ASPIRATIONS

Organised by: Orkney Islands Council, Scotland

Location: Rima A, Harpa Ground Floor

09.00–09.55:

ADAPTING ARCTIC RESEARCH: RESPONDING TO GEOPOLITICAL AND TECH SHIFTS

Organised by: Polish Polar Consortium; Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Computational Modeling, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Poland; UiT - The Arctic University of Norway

Including speaker: Tim Reilly, Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge, UK

Location: Esja, Harpa Fifth Level

10.05–11.00:

RETHINKING ARCTIC - SCENARIOS ON FUTURE SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AND DIPLOMACY

Organised by: Academia Europaea Bergen, Norway; University of Bergen, Norway; Alfred Wegener Institute (AWI), Germany; Nord University, Norway; Dartmouth College, USA; International Centre of Reindeer Husbandry*; The Macdonald-Laurier Institute, Canada*; UArctic*

Including speaker: Henry Burgess, NERC Arctic Office, UK; President, International Arctic Science Committee (IASC)

Location: Silfurberg Hall, Harpa Second Level

10.05–11.00:

EARLY CAREER & INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON POLAR SCIENCE POLICY LINKAGES

Organised by: UK Polar Network (UKPN); Association for Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS) International Directorate; APECS Korea; Korea Arctic Research Consortium (KoARC); Korea Polar Research Institute (KOPRI)

Location: Kaldalón, Harpa Ground Floor

11.20–12.15:

ARCTIC RELATIONS: TRANSFORMATIONS, LEGACIES, AND FUTURES

Organised by: Arctic Yearbook

Including speaker: Emilie Canova, University of Cambridge, UK

Location: Háaloft, Harpa Eighth Level

11.20–12.15:

MARITIME SAFETY IN THE ARCTIC: IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATION

Organised by: Centre for Arctic Studies, Institute of International Affairs, University of Iceland; UArctic

Including speaker: Alex Stitt, Director of the Heritage and Education Centre, Lloyd's Register Foundation, UK

Location: Sker, Harpa Ground Floor

11.20–12.15:

SCIENCE AND (IN)SECURITY: DUAL-USE TECHNOLOGIES IN AN OPENING ARCTIC

Organised by: Cornell University, USA

Including speakers: Caroline Kennedy Pipe and Harry Macnamara, University of Loughborough, UK

Location: Akrafjall, Harpa Fourth Level

13.15–14.10:

ICARP IV – ARCTIC RESEARCH PLANNING FOR THE NEXT DECADE

Organised by: International Arctic Science Committee (IASC); Rannís - The Icelandic Centre for Research

Moderator: Henry Burgess, NERC Arctic Office, International Arctic Science Committee

Location: Skarðsheiði, Harpa Third Level

13.15–14.10:

INSURING A PROSPEROUS ARCTIC

Organised by: PolArctic LLC, USA

Including speaker: Richard Rudden, Head of Green Solutions, Gallagher Re, UK

Location: Björtuloft, Harpa Fifth Level

13.15–14.10:

POLITICAL PARTICIPATION IN ARCTIC POLITICS: WHO IS HEARD WHEN?

Organised by: Nord University, Norway; Newcastle University, UK

Location: Akrafjall, Harpa Fourth Level

14.25–16.15:

PLENARY SESSIONS

II. POLAR DIALOGUE: WHY THE ICE MATTERS

Including speaker: Henry Burgess, NERC Arctic Office, UK; President, International Arctic Science Committee (IASC)

Location: Silfurberg Hall, Harpa Second Level

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