

# United Kingdom & The Arctic Circle Assembly 2025

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

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## THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER

**09:40–10:35:**

### **NORTH ATLANTIC & ARCTIC NEIGHBOURS: BUILDING SUSTAINABLE FUTURES**

*Organised by:* NORA - Nordic Atlantic Cooperation;  
NALIK Ventures, Greenland; Orkney Islands Council,  
Scotland, European Union

*Moderator:* Inga Burton, Orkney Islands Council, Scotland  
*Location:* Ríma A, Harpa Ground Floor

**09:40–10:35:**

### **INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH COHORT: A SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY**

*Organised by:* University of Southern Maine, USA;  
UiT The Arctic University of Norway

*Including speaker:* Eleanor MacLeod,  
Robert Gordon University, Scotland

*Moderator:* Izzy Crawford,  
Robert Gordon University, Scotland  
*Location:* Akrafjall, Harpa Fourth Level

**20:15–21:10:**

### **VISIONS AT THE EDGES OF THE WORLD**

*Organised by:* Central Saint Martins,  
University of the Arts London, UK

*Including speakers:* Pat Naldi, Central Saint Martins and  
Lara Orawski, Central Saint Martins, UK

*Location:* Ríma A, Harpa Ground Floor

**20:15–21:10:**

### **FAST TRACKS TO COLLABORATION - SPEED NETWORKING WITH THE EU POLAR CLUSTER**

*Organised by:* European Polar Board; European Polar  
Coordination Office; British Antarctic Survey, UK

*Location:* Akrafjall, Harpa Fourth Level

**18.15:**

### **BRITISH ARCTIC DRINKS**

*Hosted by:* The UK Science and Technology Network

*Location:* Eyri, Second floor, Harpa

## FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER

**08:30–09:25:**

### **FORECASTING ARCTIC TIPPING POINTS: BUILDING AN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM FOR EVERYONE**

*Organised by:* Advanced Research and Invention Agency  
(ARIA), UK

*Including speakers:* Professor Dame Angela McLean,  
Government Chief Scientific Adviser, UK, Kelly Hogan,  
British Antarctic Survey, UK and Kirsty Langley, Asiaq  
- Greenland Survey, Laurie Laybourn, Strategic Climate  
Risks Initiative, UK, Páll Gunnarsson, North Atlantic Risk  
Institute (NARI), Sascha Schiøtt, Greenland Institute of  
Natural Resources

*Moderator:* Sarah Bohndiek, Advanced Research and  
Invention Agency (ARIA), UK

*Location:* Norðurljós, Harpa Second Level

**08:30–09:25:**

### **CAN THE ANTARCTIC OFFER LESSONS TO THE ARCTIC FOR OCEAN MANAGEMENT?**

*Organised by:* Center for Arctic Study and Policy,  
U.S. Coast Guard Academy

*Including speaker:* James Jansen,  
Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, UK

*Location:* Akrafjall, Harpa Fourth Level

**08:30–09:25:**

### **GRIMSSON FELLOWS: LESSONS FROM THE PIONEERING YEARS**

*Organised by:* Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson Centre

*Moderator:* Anna J Davis, Fellow, Jamestown  
Foundation, USA; University of Oxford, UK

*Location:* Ríma B, Harpa Ground Floor

**09:40–10:35:**

### **RAISING AWARENESS IN NON-ARCTIC COUNTRIES FOR CURRENT CHALLENGES IN THE ARCTIC**

*Organised by:* German Federal Foreign Office;  
German Arctic Office, Alfred Wegener Institute (AWI)

*Including speaker:* James Jansen,  
Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, UK

*Location:* Akrafjall, Harpa Fourth Level

**09:40–10:35:**

### **EMBEDDING GENDERED DATA IN ARCTIC POLICY AND DECISION-MAKING**

*Organised by:* Icelandic Arctic Cooperation Network;  
Directorate of Equality, Iceland; Gender Equality in the  
Arctic Project

*Including speaker:* Pétur Benedikt Pétursson,  
Cambridge University, UK

*Location:* Ríma A, Harpa Ground Floor



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**10:50–12:30:**

**PLENARY SESSIONS**

**II. THE 5TH INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEAR**

*Organised by:* The Arctic Circle Polar Dialogue in Collaboration with the Executive Committee of the 5th International Polar Year (IPY-5)

**Moderator:** Henry Burgess, NERC Arctic Office, British Antarctic Survey, UK; President, International Arctic Science Committee (IASC)

**Location:** Silfurberg Hall, Harpa Second Level

**13:30–15:40:**

**PLENARY SESSIONS**

**II. THE FUTURE OF SCIENCE**

**Including speaker:** Professor Dame Angela McLean, Government Chief Scientific Adviser, UK

**Location:** Silfurberg Hall, Harpa Second Level

**15:55–16:50:**

**INSPIRING NATIONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE 5TH INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEAR 2032–33**

*Organised by:* International Arctic Science Committee (IASC); Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR); Rannís - The Icelandic Centre for Research

**Moderator:** Henry Burgess, NERC Arctic Office, British Antarctic Survey; UK, President, International Arctic Science Committee (IASC)

**Location:** Akrafjall, Harpa Fourth Level

**15:55–16:50:**

**SOFT POWER, HARD QUESTIONS: DEBATES IN ARCTIC SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY COLLABORATION**

*Organised by:* Cornell Brooks Tech Policy Institute, USA

**Including speaker:** Caroline Kennedy-Pipe, Loughborough University, UK

**Location:** Rima A, Harpa Ground Floor

**17:05–18:00:**

**NORTHERN FLANK: TRANSATLANTIC STRATEGY AND SECURITY COOPERATION IN THE ARCTIC**

*Organised by:* The North American and Arctic Defence and Security Network

**Including speaker:** Caroline Kennedy-Pipe, Loughborough University, UK

**Location:** Rima A, Harpa Ground Floor

**18:15–19:10:**

**THE GEOPOLITICS OF THE ARCTIC**

*Organised by:* Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Germany

**Including speaker:** Hannes Hansen-Magnusson, Cardiff University, UK

**Location:** Háaloft, Harpa Eighth Level

**18:15–19:10:**

**HOW SPEAKING WHALE CAN PROTECT THE CENTRAL ARCTIC OCEAN ICE SHIELD**

*Organised by:* Global Choices

**Including speakers:** Tom Mustill, Author of "How to Speak Whale", UK and Sian Prior, Clean Arctic Alliance, UK

**Location:** Kaldalón, Harpa Ground Floor

**20:15–21:10:**

**SERIOUS GAMES – A TOOL FOR CO-CREATION AND KNOWLEDGE CREATION IN THE ARCTIC**

*Organised by:* University of Iceland; Hólar University, Iceland; University of Umeå, Sweden; JAMSTEC - Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology

**Moderator:** Jonathan Karkut, Touch TD Ltd., UK

**Location:** Akrafjall, Harpa Fourth Level

## SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER

**09:00–17:00:**

### **UK POLAR NETWORK'S SEAWEED EXHIBITION**

*Organised by:* The UK Polar Network

*Location:* Hafnarstraeti, Ground Floor, Harpa

**09:00–09:55:**

### **GEOPOLITICS OF THE RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACT ON THE ARCTIC**

*Organised by:* Centre for Climate Repair, University of Cambridge, UK

*Including speaker:* Danielle Young, University of Leeds, UK

*Moderator:* Shaun Fitzgerald, Centre for Climate Repair, University of Cambridge, UK

*Location:* Norðurljós, Harpa Second Level

**10:10–11:05:**

### **POLITICAL SHIFTS IN THE ARCTIC: CHINA, RUSSIA, AND REGIONAL SECURITY**

*Organised by:* Centre for Arctic Studies, University of Iceland

*Including speaker:* Erlingur Erlingsson, Adapt, UK

*Location:* Háaloft, Harpa Eighth Level

**11:20–12:15:**

### **TOWARD IMPLEMENTING ARCTIC RESEARCH PLANNING FOR THE NEXT DECADE: ICARP IV**

*Organised by:* International Arctic Science Committee (IASC); Hosts of the ICARP IV Summit

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

*Location:* Björtuloft, Harpa Fifth Level

**13:15–14:10:**

### **HUMAN(ITIES) IN THE ARCTIC: HISTORY, POLITICS, ENVIRONMENT, AND CULTURE**

*Organised by:* University of Westminster, UK; University of Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, France

*Including speaker:* Monica Germanà, University of Westminster, UK

*Location:* Rima A, Harpa Ground Floor

**14:25–15:20:**

### **CONNECTING THE POLES – LESSONS FROM EARLY CAREER SCIENCE NETWORK**

*Organised by:* Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS) Canada; UK Polar Network (UKPN); APECS Korea; Korea Arctic Research Consortium (KoARC); Korea Maritime Institute (KMI); UArctic - University of the Arctic

*Location:* Björtuloft, Harpa Fifth Level

**14:25–15:20:**

### **WHY DO WE ALL NEED TO LEARN ABOUT THE ARCTIC? CONNECTING PEOPLE & CLIMATE CHANGE**

*Organised by:* Polar Educators International; Polar Knowledge Canada

*Moderator:* Sophie Weeks, Scott Polar Research Institute, UK; President, Polar Educators International

*Location:* Norðurljós, Harpa Second Level



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