

Guidelines for UK community white paper contributions to IPY

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As we build towards the next IPY, UK polar communities are starting to develop 'research strengths and priorities' white papers to form part of the UK's contribution to the IPY.

The UK Arctic-Antarctic Partnership is the UK's National Committee for the IPY and has responsibility for formally badging any such outputs as IPY documents.

Whilst any community is of course welcome to develop white papers, those communities seeking the use of the UKAAP, IPY or NERC Arctic Office logos and formal approvals are required to follow this procedure.

1. Get in touch formally with the UKAAP committee chair or IPY representatives on the UKAAP committee directly. They will review requests and ensure that duplication of effort is avoided.
2. All such 'research strengths and priorities' documents should ensure that their approach is inclusive, that they are truly multi-institutional, collaborative, and include a wide range of career stages and people.
3. Any groups wishing to lead a white paper should outline how they will address:
 - a. Topic and scope
 - b. Inclusivity (across institutions and career stages)
 - c. Leadership
 - d. Timelines
4. Following completion of a draft document, it should be shared with the UKAAP Chair to pass on to the UKAAP IPY Representatives for a light touch review.
5. If approved, the White Paper can then use the UKAAP and IPY logos.

This is not a part of the formal process for endorsing project proposals for the IPY.

Best wishes

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