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Youth Together for Arctic Futures

The Future of the Arctic Starts with You!

What is **Youth Together for Arctic Futures**?

Launched in 2024, Youth Together for Arctic Futures supports Arctic and European 18-35-year-olds in developing the knowledge, skills and opportunities to **advocate effectively for climate and nature policies** that matter to them. Co-funded by the European Union and Global Affairs Canada, the four-year project **empowers young people** to become active citizens and decision-makers for a diverse, inclusive and sustainable Arctic, with a focus on centring Indigenous youth and young women. **It connects Arctic and European youth through respectful dialogue, capacity building and leadership development at the Arctic Youth Dialogue and beyond.**

Youth **leadership**

What makes the project special is that **many aspects are youth-led.**



Youth board meets regularly, providing input and shaping outcomes.



This includes **guiding key decisions**, such as defining Arctic Youth Dialogue themes, and **selecting the winners of Youth-led Projects** for Arctic Change grants – based on the board's own criteria.



Arctic Youth Dialogues are themselves **peer-facilitated by a team of youth**, ensuring they align with young people's needs.

“Contributing to the Youth Board and building relationships with likeminded youth has deepened my understanding of the role youth play driving change in Arctic policy.”

- Lauren Clavelle,

Tū'desē'cho Wholistic Indigenous Leadership Development





ARCTIC YOUTH DIALOGUE

A platform for cooperation and developing policy recommendations

The annual Arctic Youth Dialogue gathers Arctic and European youth alongside the EU-Arctic Forum to **co-create policy recommendations** on climate, biodiversity and youth inclusion in the Arctic.

The four-day event is a chance to develop understanding and skills in **negotiation, consensus building, policy drafting, public speaking** and **teamwork**.

Through cultural exchange, collaborative discussions, and direct engagement with policymakers, Arctic Youth Dialogue participants **turn ideas into action** and **build long-lasting connections**, helping shape the Arctic's future.

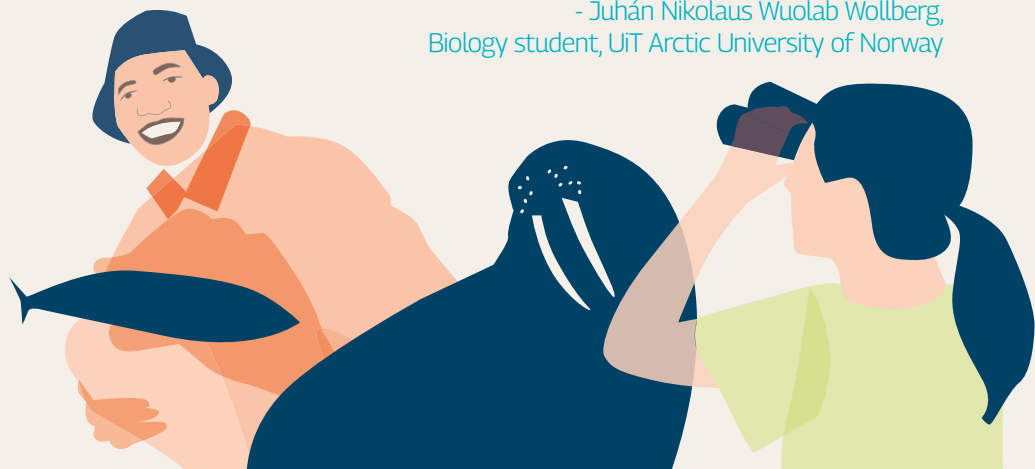


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young people took part in the Arctic Youth Dialogue in 2024 and 2025 combined with nearly a third remaining engaged in the project

“ Having been a part of the Arctic Youth Dialogue has given me opportunities to grow as a young leader, giving me confidence and skills to not only advocate for the Arctic, but also take charge in driving change through collaboration with youth voices and sustainability. ”

- Juhán Nikolaus Wuolab Wollberg,
Biology student, UiT Arctic University of Norway





BEYOND THE ARCTIC YOUTH DIALOGUE

Arctic youth policy in action



Each year, Arctic Youth Dialogue **recommendations are shared** with the EU and Arctic stakeholders, including regional development organisations, and local decision-makers via the Arctic Mayors' Forum. This has wide-ranging impacts, such as Interreg Northern Periphery and Arctic using them to shape an upcoming call.



A delegate from Youth Together for Arctic Futures will contribute to the Arctic Council's Kingdom of Denmark Chairship Youth Committee to **co-develop a regional Youth Priorities Statement** – Advocating for Arctic Change: Arctic in Unison. This will be negotiated live and presented at the Council's Arctic Youth Conference 2027.



The **State of the Arctic Youth Report**, a youth-driven publication, will be released at the end of the project, highlighting four years of youth policy recommendations, youth engagement benchmarks for Arctic states, and cultural expression of Arctic youth.

Arctic Youth Dialogue recommendations consistently call for decision-making that recognises the rights, needs and wellbeing of Arctic and Indigenous communities. Alongside stronger environmental protections and Indigenous-led stewardship, they emphasise the importance of equitable benefit-sharing, sustainable, locally owned infrastructure, and accessible, culturally grounded funding mechanisms. They also recommend support for youth- and Indigenous-led entrepreneurship, and a fundamental shift toward sufficiency and responsible consumption within planetary boundaries.



Read the latest
Arctic youth policy
recommendations



EMPOWERMENT, SKILLS BUILDING AND CONNECTIONS

Complementing the Arctic Youth Dialogue, a dynamic network of youth-led activities support Arctic sustainability throughout the year



Leadership and communications training

Trainings around Europe provide skills ranging from leadership, communications and storytelling, to EU and Arctic policymaking, with peer learning ensuring a youth-led focus. Webinars explore biodiversity, journalism, facilitation and public speaking.



Sáttanuorat: Sámi Youth Delegates Programme

Diverse training and workshops for Sámi youth, as well as opportunities to join international and Arctic conferences, strengthen capacities to create networks to advocate for the future of the Sámi people.



Arts-based activities

Creative workshops, exhibitions and films enable Arctic and European youth to share lived experiences, complementing policy recommendations. A Sámi youth workshop on urban identity is part of Tromsø's European Youth Capital 2026 programme.



Mentorship programme

Youth are paired with mentors – skilled Arctic professionals who offer career coaching and guidance in developing a policy-related project. In-person and online sessions provide tools to advocate for policy changes and expand future opportunities.



Arctic Regional Youth Meet-Ups

The project brings Indigenous, Arctic and European youth together in a thriving network with an active alumni community. Arctic Regional Youth Meet-Ups in remote Arctic communities and Indigenous homelands provide access to training and opportunities related to climate, biodiversity, advocacy and international relations.

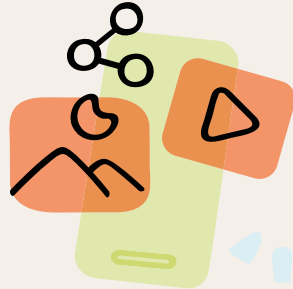


LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH

**Find out more about Youth Together
for Arctic Futures**, including latest Arctic Youth
Dialogue recommendations.

If you are aged 18-35, from an Arctic
state, or any European country,
and motivated to help build a more
sustainable future for the Arctic region

get involved!



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