The International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry (ICR) was established in 2005 as a follow-up of recommendations by the Arctic Council, and is hosted and supported by the Government in Norway. ICR represents a significant contribution to the international cooperation of indigenous reindeer herders worldwide, also adding a new dimension to the collaborative work of the Arctic Council.

The Association of World Reindeer Herders (WRH) is an Indigenous Peoples’ Organisation for 24 nomadic reindeer herding peoples across 10 national states around the circumpolar north. This organisation represents 27 years of indigenous people-to-people collaboration between world reindeer herders across the Arctic. WRH has been an Observer to the Arctic Council since 2000.

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The Arctic is now facing unprecedented changes, including climate change and globalization. This has already profound impacted Arctic indigenous peoples’ food culture, societies and health. Food security is a pressing issue in some parts of the Arctic. The Food resources of the Arctic are unique and considerable, while the culinary traditions of the indigenous peoples remains largely unused in terms of local economic development.

EALLU is a youth led initiative that seeks to build on the immense body of traditional knowledge embedded in Arctic peoples food production systems and investigate how it can contribute to community economic, physical and social health.

There is much work to be done if our traditional foods are to underpin community revitalisation. Governance systems, market structures and transportation networks are not best adapted to nomadic and family based traditional livelihoods such as reindeer herding, fishing and hunting.

EALLU has uncovered a striking diversity of traditional foods and tastes, but also notable similarities in production environments. Amongst all peoples engaged in the EALLU project there has been a strong tradition to use everything, a common value for Arctic Indigenous Peoples.