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Indigenous Youth Leadership for the Changing Arctic

The International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry, UArctic EALAT Institute, and World Reindeer Herders in unique cooperation with the Arctic Initiative at Harvard Kennedy School of Government and Tufts University Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy are committed to empowering Reindeer Herding and Indigenous Youth to be leaders in their communities.

The course on Indigenous Youth Leadership for the Changing Arctic is held between January 10 and 18, 2023 on the premises of the Harvard and Tufts Universities in Boston, MA, USA.

A collaboration between the International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry (ICR), the Harvard Arctic Initiative, and Tufts University, the course will feature lectures, workshops, and guest speakers on the issues of Indigenous knowledge, food systems, thawing permafrost, and wetlands. Indigenous Youth from the Circumpolar North focus on developing communication and negotiation skills and learning about ecosystem adaptation and resilience.

Guest speakers introduce students to the pressing topics of climate change, social-ecological resilience, sustainable development, and knowledge co-production. Students share their experiences and knowledge with regard to environmental impacts, build competencies for future leadership in their communities, and advance their understanding of the negotiation and stewardship processes.

The course is a result of the long-term partnership between ICR, Harvard Kennedy School Arctic Initiative, and Tufts Fletcher School that provides space for the Arctic Indigenous youth to acquire knowledge and skills, meet with their peers, network, and become confident leaders.

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Program

Invited speakers

Alice Rogoff, Publisher, and owner of Arctic Today

Amy Bowers, Attorney, Yurok Tribe; co-founder, Ridges to Riffles Conservation Fund

Cris Russell, Award Winning Free-Lance Journalist

Eldur Olafsson, Founder and CEO at AEX Gold Inc

Esuna Dugarova, Policy Specialist at United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (TBC)

Jennifer Spence, Executive Secretary of the Arctic Council's Sustainable Development Working Group

Joel Clement, Former Executive at the US Department of Interior

Jonella Larson-White (Ququngaaq), Partner & Program Director, Justice40 Initiatives, Alaska Venture Fund

Krestia DeGeorge, Editor for Arctic Today

Thursday

January 5th

Noon EST - Zoom orientation and introduction to the course

Tuesday

January 10th

Participants' arrival. Transfer & accommodation organized by the hosting institution.

HARVARD SESSIONS

*All events take place at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government
(79 John F. Kennedy Street Cambridge, MA 02138)*

Wednesday

January 11th

8:30am – 9:30am

Breakfast and welcome session for Indigenous student leaders. (WEX 434)

9:30am – 10:00am

Join the course and meet Harvard Kennedy School peers - meet in small groups

10:30am – 11:30am

*Arctic Resilience Session
Joel Clement and Jennifer Spence*

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Lunch with a guest speaker - Eldur Olafsson

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Kiruna case

2:15pm – 5:00pm

Mentor Meetings and Idea Development

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Welcome dinner and networking with HKS students

Thursday

January 12th

8:30am – 9:00am

Breakfast

9:00am – 9:15am

Recap of previous day

9:15am – 10:15am

The Art of Persuasive Communication

10:15am – 11:30am

Communications Workshop

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Working lunch - UNEP GEF Nomadic Herders and future cooperation with HKS and Fletcher

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Innovation Lab Preparation with small groups

3:10pm - 4:10pm

Optional session on Indigenous Peoples and the Challenges of Climate Change (WEX 436)

4:15pm – 5:00pm

Innovation Lab rehearsal session

Friday

January 13th

8:30am – 9:00am

Breakfast

9:00am – 11:00am

Arctic Innovation Lab

11:15am – 1:15am

Op-ed workshop

12:00pm – 2:00pm

Lunch with Dean Elendorf visit and small group meetings

2:15pm – 3:15pm

Office hours to refine Op-Eds

3:30pm – 4:00pm

Closing session

5:00pm – 7:30pm

Dinner and reception with HKS peers

FLETCHER SESSIONS

All events will take place at the Fletcher School — 160 Packard Avenue, Medford, MA 02155

Saturday

January 14th

9:00am – 9:30am

Breakfast

10:00am – 12:00pm

Sightseeing tour

12:30pm – 1:30pm

Lunch

1:30pm – 3:30pm

Introduction to Negotiation case

3:30pm – 5:30pm

Working in small groups

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Dinner

Sunday

January 15th

9:00am – 9:30am

Breakfast

10:00am – 12:00pm

Working in small groups

12:30pm – 1:30pm

Lunch

1:30pm – 4:30pm

Negotiation preparation with each team

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Dinner

Monday

January 16th - In honour of the Martin Luther King Day

9:00am – 9:30am

Breakfast

9:30am – 12:30pm

Negotiations Session 1

12:30pm – 1:30pm

Lunch

1:30pm – 4:30pm

Negotiations Session 2

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Dinner

Tuesday

January 17th

9:00am – 9:30am

Breakfast

9:30am – 10:20pm

Global Maritime Affairs introduction and networking with Fletcher school peers

10:30am – 11:50pm

Maritime Security introduction and networking with Fletcher school peers

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Lunch

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Negotiations Debrief

4:30pm – 5:30pm

Concluding Session with Fletcher School senior leadership

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Dinner

Wednesday

January 18th

Participants departure. Transfer organized by the hosting institution.