



Connecting polar research, education, and the global community

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Open Invitation-

Polar Educators International (PEI) are delighted to invite you to participate in the world-cafe style Global Conversation exploring and connecting Arctic research, polar education and Arctic Indigenous Knowledge. Your ideas, experience and expertise would be a valuable contribution on the round tables.

The U.K. ASSW 2024 Global Conversation world cafe takes place on Sunday 24th March, 2024

Venue: St. Trinnean's room in St. Leonard's Hall, University of Edinburgh, UK

There are two sittings

Session 1- 13:30-15:30

Session 2- 16:00-18:00

Please choose one that fits your schedule best (or come for both)

You may RSVP to polareducators@gmail.com

This is a hybrid session. If you are unable to attend in person you may join a conversation table in a breakout room as a registered ASSW attendee.

Description

For this ASSW24 event entitled *Snowball Sampling the Global Conversation Connecting Arctic Education, Polar Research and Indigenous Knowledge*, we are intentionally moving away from the 'presenter and panelist' format, with informal round-table conversations that are more intimate, dynamic and geared towards sharing personal experiences and ideas in a safe space, on an equal footing, where we all are equal participants. The event will not be recorded.

Objective

We hope to draw out diverse concerns, challenges, needs and ideas from our informal conversations, which explore and exchange the multiple connections and intersections between research, pedagogy and Indigenous Knowledge at this crucial time for young people living within and outside the Arctic. As educators we acknowledge they are currently impacted by conflict, climate change and cultural and economic differences and pressures. We encourage ECRS and educators from formal and informal learning environments to participate, and respectfully welcome Indigenous knowledge holders with interests in education research and practice.

Questions to consider-

Who decides what research is more valuable?

How can educators both within and beyond the Arctic support the needs of the next generation?

What kinds of knowing and understanding can support sustainable decision making?

What can we learn from one another?

Goal

The outcomes of our informal dialogue will include reflections on not only *what* but also on *how* and *why* our audiences must engage in understanding the diverse landscapes, knowledges and peoples of the Arctic. Emergent themes will be collected, shared and used as catalysts for the next iteration, so that our collective voices can amplify the messages. There is an option to join a focus group or stay in touch as we approach ICARPIV 2025, and beyond as preparation begins for the next International Polar Year.

Venue

This session of the ongoing Global Conversation at Arctic Science Summit Week will be held live in St. Trinnean's room in St. Leonard's Hall, a lovely room with several round tables to allow for informal group conversations to take place.

Each table will be hosted. Tables will be covered with white paper, with colored markers and a variety of sticky notes available to help participants creatively communicate and illustrate their ideas and insights. Online participants will be "seated" at one of the tables through zoom breakout room connection.

We sincerely hope you will attend and you are welcome to bring others with you to join in this conversation.

Thank you for your consideration,

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