



# UArctic

## Introducing the Læra Institute for Circumpolar Education

Environmental Education Panel

Scotland-Arctic Network Series

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UArctic founded in 2001 to promote circumpolar collaboration in education, research and outreach



'Empower people of Circumpolar North by providing unique educational and research opportunities'

Source: UArctic

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# UArctic created Circumpolar Studies as undergraduate core curriculum available for use by all members



## UArctic CS Core Curriculum

- Introduction to the Circumpolar World
- Land and Environment of the Circumpolar World I & II
- Peoples and Cultures of the Circumpolar World I & II
- Contemporary Issues of the Circumpolar World I & II

CS courses in use at number of UArctic member institutions in North America, Europe, Russia

Source: *Shared Voices: The UArctic Magazine* (2017); UArctic

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UArctic partners have established new Læra Institute to renew and revitalise Circumpolar Studies



All UArctic member institutions welcome  
to engage with work of Læra Institute

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### **Læra Institute Work Programme**

#### Curriculum criteria

Detailed topic specifications for Circumpolar Studies, to help UArctic members develop locally appropriate courses based on shared understanding

#### Exemplar courses

Example Circumpolar Studies courses and resources, which UArctic members can use as models, adapt to local needs or teach 'off-the-shelf'

#### Faculty workshop

Regular meeting of UArctic member faculty teaching Circumpolar Studies courses, to share pedagogical research, best-practice and local insights

#### Student symposia

Regular meeting of UArctic member undergraduate students, to share learning, present own research and collaborate on joint activities

Our first workshop, 'Circumpolar Studies Is...',  
scheduled to take place 12<sup>th</sup> March

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Læra Institute will also listen to student voices by hosting regular undergraduate symposia ...



... at which students can also take part in unique learning experiences—e.g. Model Arctic Council

Source: UArctic (photos); Arctic Council (logo)

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As we can only gather online in current circumstances, please allow me to introduce myself briefly



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- Managing Director, Læra Institute for Circumpolar Education
- Based near Norwich, UK (and annual visitor to Scotland)
- Runs Model Arctic Council events for universities and schools
- Research interests in Arctic education, governance, and 'philosophy'

I look forward to the opportunity to meet you in person one day!

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# Thank you

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