



## EVENT INVITATION

### Youth in the Arctic: A Breakout Session Connecting the Leaders of Tomorrow and Today

Friday, October 31; 5:00 – 6:30 PM; Arctic Circle



BARENTS REGIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL



The Arctic Climate Change Emerging Leaders Fellowship (ACCEL), Barents Regional Youth Council, Emerging Leaders in Environmental and Energy Policy Network (ELEEP), Reykjavik University, and Youth Arctic Coalition invite you to participate in a workshop and question and answer session with Admiral Robert J. Papp, U.S. Special Representative for the Arctic and the top U.S. Government Arctic official. The session will take place at the Arctic Circle Conference on **Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 to 6:30 PM** and focus Arctic youth (ages 18-35).

As the leaders of tomorrow, today's Arctic youth will face the challenges and opportunities of a rapidly developing Arctic region, ranging from economic development, geopolitical pressure, and energy extraction to environmental protection, health, food security, education, and employment. The *Youth in the Arctic* breakout session creates a space for young leaders to discuss these issues and more, determine priorities for their generation, and engage the leaders of today directly with their thoughts and questions.

The event will feature a Q&A session with Admiral Robert Papp, followed by round-table discussions on the issues listed above, and conclude with a debrief on the outcomes and recommendations from each table. Using a round-table format, the workshop creates a dynamic environment for dialogue, offering students and young professionals the opportunity to engage directly with leaders in their field as well as peers from around the world.

Should you decide to participate, please come prepared with questions. **Space is limited and available on a first come first serve basis. The event will begin promptly at 5:00 PM. Please RSVP directly to [dbennett@atlanticcouncil.org](mailto:dbennett@atlanticcouncil.org).**



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Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> - 5:00 – 6:30 PM

#### Event Location:

Arctic Circle Conference, Harpa

#### Youth Organizations and Partners:

Allianz Foundation for North America

Arctic Circle

Arctic Climate Change Emerging Leaders (ACCEL)

Atlantic Council

Barents Regional Youth Council

Ecologic Institute

Emerging Leaders in Energy and Environmental Policy Network

Reykjavik University

Youth Arctic Coalition

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### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup>**

#### **5:00 – 5:40 p.m. Question and Answer:**

**Moderator:** **Dr. Edvard Glücksman**, *Associate Research Fellow*, Environment and Sustainability Institute, University of Exeter, United Kingdom

**Speaker:** **Admiral Robert J. Papp**, *U.S. Special Representative for the Arctic*, United States Department of State

#### **5:40 – 6:15 p.m. Roundtable Discussions:**

**Table Topics:** Energy

**Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change**

**Health and Food Security**

**Education, Employment, and Youth Participation**

**International Security and Geopolitics**

**Economic Development**

**Facilitators:** **Sunna Kokkonen**, *Chairperson*, Barents Regional Youth Council

**Sarah Kezia Michelle**, *MSc*, Iceland School of Energy, Reykjavik University

**Eleonora Milazzo**, *Fellow*, Arctic Climate Change Emerging Leaders Program (ACCEL), Ecologic Institute

**Dayanita Ramesh**, *Fellow*, Arctic Climate Change Emerging Leaders Program (ACCEL), Atlantic Council

**Dominique Souris**, *Director of Strategy and International Partnerships*, Youth Arctic Coalition

**Gerrit Wesselink**, *Associate Executive Director*, Youth Arctic Coalition

#### **6:15 – 6:30 p.m. Discussion Debrief:**

Table facilitators will present the outcomes and recommendations of their table discussions for the broader group of attendees. Recommendations will be compiled into an outcomes report for use by experts, academics, policymakers, and the public, highlighting youth perspectives on key Arctic issues.