

NEWSBYTE #1

THE CENTRE FOR THE NORTH

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We are excited to share with you our first-ever Centre for the North Newsbyte!

For those who are new here, we were established in 2001 as the Northern Studies Centre. By 2011 we transformed into the North Research Theme to represent and promote researchers within varied disciplines with northern, Arctic, and interdisciplinary interests that ranged from the climatic, cultural, environmental, geopolitical, historical and legal. Now as we enter a new phase as The Centre for the North, we aim to expand research within northern circumpolar regions and the Arctic.

If you are involved with any of these research areas and would like to see your research/project/event, published paper, blog, podcast, exhibition, photos or fieldwork etc. featured on The Centre for the North website and newsletter please get in touch. Please also pass onto any colleagues or students working on Circumpolar North and Arctic issues who may be interested in what we do and wish to learn more on future opportunities. We are keen to grow our network further!

Register interest or send in your news to: thenorth@abdn.ac.uk

Thank you for your continued interest and support of the Centre for The North.

We hope to hear from you soon!

Dr Isabelle Gapp and Dr. Rob Wishart (on behalf of The Centre for the North)

OPPORTUNITIES

- **IRELAND-SCOTLAND BILATERAL NETWORK GRANTS.** 22 OCTOBER 2025.
- **NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL (NERC) LARGE GRANT OUTLINES.** FEBRUARY 2026 . ***UKRI INFORMATION AND Q&A SESSION IN ABERDEEN ON 27 OCTOBER** OF INTEREST TO ANYONE WANTING TO LEAD A BID. CLOSING DATE OF 26TH FEBRUARY 1600HRS. JOIN ONLINE OR IN-PERSON BY EMAILING: GRANTSACADEMY@ABDN.AC.UK
- **CALL FOR PAPERS: CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ARCTIC LAW,** VOLUME 13, 2025. **DEADLINE 31 OCTOBER 2025 (3000 WORDS).**
- **NETGAIN DOCTORAL FOCAL AWARD ON SHAPING FUTURE NATURE MARKETS.** **PROPOSAL DEADLINE 14 NOVEMBER.** SEE PAST PROJECTS [HERE](#).
- **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS - UARCTIC CONGRESS.** 26-29 MAY, 2026. TORSHAVN, FAROE ISLANDS. **OPEN TILL 30 NOVEMBER.**
- **RESEARCH LEADERSHIP SCHEME – CALEDONIAN RESEARCH FUND, BUILDING SCOTLAND'S GREEN FUTURE (COHORT 1)** **DEADLINE 22 JANUARY 2026, 12 NOON.** *NOT OPEN CALL INSTEAD CONTACT UNIVERSITY RESEARCH OFFICER (ONLY 3 NOMINATIONS PER INSTITUTION) CALL OPENS 27 OCTOBER.
- **CALL FOR IASC CROSS-CUTTING AND WORKING GROUP PROPOSALS 2026.** THE INTERNATIONAL ARCTIC SCIENCE COMMITTEE (IASC) IS NOW ACCEPTING PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION UNTIL **5 JANUARY 2026 AT 13:00 GMT.**
- **INTER-NORD ISSUE 25 (2026).** **MANUSCRIPTS SOUGHT BY 31 MARCH 2026.** ON SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES, CREATIVE WRITING, INTERVIEWS, BOOK REVIEWS, AND OTHER WRITINGS ABOUT THE ARCTIC.
- **UNESCO NATURAL SCIENCES SECTOR ROSTER CREATION OF EXPERTS.** POTENTIALLY TO WORK IN AREAS RELATED TO UNESCO'S SCIENCE MANDATE. NO DEADLINE. [SUBMIT INTEREST ONLINE.](#)
- **IPY-5 PROJECT ENDORSEMENT.** A SYSTEM OF PROJECT ENDORSEMENTS WILL HIGHLIGHT AND CONNECT INITIATIVES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO IPY-5 FROM 2026 ONWARDS. **SPRING 2026.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **FROM DINOSAURS THROUGH MAMMOTHS TO YOUR LUNCH - TALK BY DR AUGUSTE HASSLER.** 22 OCTOBER, 1600HRS MESTON 1, OLD ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY. WHO KNEW PALAEOBIOLOGICAL INSIGHTS FROM CALCIUM ISOTOPES COULD BE SO INTERESTING! (PART OF THE NORTHERN ARCHAEOLOGY RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES)
- **RESEARCH FACILITIES SHOWCASE,** P&J LIVE, EAST BURN ROAD, ABERDEEN ON 28 OCTOBER. REGISTER [HERE](#) TO ATTEND.
- **WORKSHOP: NAVIGATING ARCTIC FUTURES – ADAPTIVE GOVERNANCE FOR RESILIENT ECOSYSTEMS AND COMMUNITIES.** ONLINE, 30 OCTOBER 2025, 15:00–17:00 CET). TO EXCHANGE ON HOW ADAPTIVE GOVERNANCE CAN RESPOND TO RAPID CLIMATE-INDUCED CHANGES IN THE ARCTIC. [REGISTRATION](#) IS OPEN UNTIL 24 OCTOBER 2025.
- **ARCTIC FRONTIERS 2026,** 2-5 FEBRUARY, TROMSO, NORWAY. FIVE BIG PICTURE (PLENARY) SESSIONS ON ARCTIC STATE OF AFFAIRS; SPACE TO COLLABORATE; BUILDING UP THE ARCTIC; EBB & FLOW OF ECONOMIES AND STORIES FROM THE COAST
- **A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY SEA ICE WORKSHOP.** PUBLIC EVENT ON 19 FEBRUARY, UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN. CO-ORGANISED BY ISABELLE GAPP AND SARAH COOLEY (DUKE UNIVERSITY). STAY TUNED FOR REGISTRATION.

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