

# Presentations from SAO-meeting

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# Future Arctic Leaders Workshop

- Ottawa, April 23, 2015
- 21 participants, ages 21-30
- Preparatory Work – short papers
- Main Objectives:
  - learn about Arctic policy issues and the role of the Arctic Council;
  - develop leadership and policy skills;
  - identify policy recommendations



# Workshop Policy Recommendations



- 1) Establish a network of Arctic-focused youth organizations and leaders to connect youth to Arctic Council
- 2) Address the lack of knowledge infrastructure in the Arctic
- 3) Disseminate information and raise awareness about best practices in address mental health and wellness
- 4) Support the protection of indigenous rights and self-determination
- 5) Support changes to policies pertaining to indigenous and local communities with respect to land, water and resource use
- 6) Support programs to protect and promote the traditional ways of life
- 7) Develop a strategic plan for industry to promote sustainable development in the Arctic
- 8) Encourage Senior Arctic Officials to meet with local communities to enhance awareness of the Arctic Council's role and work
- 9) Encourage increased citizen-to-citizen collaboration among Arctic regions to strengthen relations at the community level
- 10) Create an expert group or project to examine the problem of inadequate Arctic specific programs/training in the region



## Next Steps

- Ask the Communications and Outreach Group, and the Council's Working Groups to jointly develop actions for SAO consideration at the March SAO meeting

**Thank you!**  
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