

Sustainability Conference at the University of Akureyri

of Akurevri

PROGRAM

Friday 31st of March 2023

MORNING SESSION: SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES AND SOLUTIONS

9:30-10:20 Sustainable Food Practices in North Iceland

Student-led panel discussion (led by Silja Rún & Berglind Vala) featuring:

Elínborg Erla Ásgeirsdottir, Breiðargerði organic farm, Skagafjörður

Þórunn Edda Magnúsdóttir, Ketilkaffi, Akureyri Hrönn Björgvinsdóttir, Amtsbókasafnið á Akureyri

10:20-10:50 Are UNGC Member Companies More Likely to Choose Voluntary CSR

Reporting and Assurance Practices?

Kjartan Sigurðsson, University of Akureyri, Magdalena Wójcik-Jurkiewicz

& Paweł Zieniuk, University of Economics, Cracow, Poland

BREAK 10:50-11:00 (INFOVIDEOS FROM HÚSAVÍK RESEARCH CENTRE WILL BE STREAMED)

11:00-11:30 **Using a Macroalgal Cultivation System in Wastewater Bioremediation:**

A Case Study of Bolungarvík, Iceland Ivan Nikonov, Master's graduate,

University Centre of the Westfjords

11:30–12:00 Disrupting Waste Management Systems in the Arctic Region

Börkur Smári Kristinsson, Pure North Recycling

12:00–12:30 Sustainable Tourism in Future Scenarios: A 2022 Study on the Perceptions

of Local Stakeholders from Akureyrarbær, North Iceland

Julie Madsen, Master's graduate, Aalborg University, Denmark

LUNCH BREAK12:30-13:30 (INFOVIDEOS FROM HÚSAVÍK RESEARCH CENTRE WILL BE STREAMED)

AFTERNOON SESSION: CLIMATE CHANGE

13:30–14:00 Interdisciplinary Youth Participation in the Fight against **the Climate Catastrophe** Julian Kessler, PhD student at University of Salzburg, Austria & President of ELSA Austria

14:00–14:30 Last Call for 1.5 degrees – International Climate Negotiations in the Time

of the Climate Crisis Max-Erik Schulze-Steinen, Junior Researcher at Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy, Germany

14:30–15:00 Beyond Apocalypse and Utopia: Narratives and Community in

the Columbia Climate Imaginations Network

Ben Mylius, PhD candidate at Columbia University, NYC

15:00–15:30 (INFOVIDEOS FROM HÚSAVÍK RESEARCH CENTRE WILL BE STREAMED) BREAK

15:30–16:00 The Power of Wetlands Finnur Ricart Andrason, Icelandic UN Youth

Delegate on Climate & Climate Representative at Umhverfissinnar

16:00–16:30 Climate Change – We Need System Change, Not Greenwashing

Guðrún Schmidt, Specialist at Landvernd

16:30-17:00 Tracking Changes in Pacific Arctic Benthic Communities Related to

Warming Temperatures Christina Goethel, Fulbright Professor at University

of Akureyri & Associate Research Scientist at University of Maryland

Center for Environmental Science, USA