



Navigating the New Arctic Community Office

FOSTERING INDIGENOUS-LED RESEARCH CONVERGENCE WORKING GROUP

May 2023 - May 2024

Areas of focus:

1. Create place-based healing spaces.
2. Educate early career researchers (ECRs) on best practices to foster Indigenous-led research and make spaces to build relationships with communities.
3. Address policies that are barriers to Indigenous-led research within NSF and research institutions.
4. Create recommendations for future work to be done.

February 2024 - “Safety and Healing through Indigenous Waters: Learning from Elders in a Qasgiq (Gathering Space)”. We supported two sessions at Alaska Forum on the Environment in Anchorage, AK with Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. Elders from Stebbins, Kotlik, and Anchorage were invited and shared their knowledge. The dance group Eklutna performed. ~100 people total attended the sessions.

March 2024 - “Community Check-In: A Discussion Around NNA Successes and Challenges in Co-Production Research”. We hosted two sessions at the NNA-CO Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Break out group discussions from these sessions have been synthesized into a publicly available report. ~70 people attended the sessions spanning all career stages, disciplines, and a range of research and administrative positions.



Barrier	Lack of Understanding	Systemic - e.g. inequity	Institutional - e.g. not understanding how to support Indigenous-led research	Project - e.g. not know co-production knowledge
	Barrier	Systemic - e.g. lack of infrastructure	Institutional - e.g. difficulties paying community partners	Project - e.g. lack of Indigenous led in project

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

- We are designing a follow-up survey informed by the NNA-CO Meeting sessions on **Lessons Learned from Co-Created Research**. This survey will be distributed to the NNA community and feedback will inform future recommendations and CWG activities.
- FILR CWG in-person meet up in Anchorage, AK in Fall 2024. We will share local foods and conversation to build our sense of community.
- ASSW 2025/NNA-CO Meeting 2025 sessions and meeting planning



[Fostering Indigenous-Led Research CWG webpage](#)

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