**Coast-R Network**



**Invitation of Expressions of Interest:**

**Voluntary, Community & Third Sector Representatives to join the Coast-R Strategic Advisory Board**

**The Opportunity :**

We are currently seeking to recruit 1-2 representatives from voluntary, community and third organisations working in subject areas relevant to coastal resilience to join our Strategic Advisory Board (SAB).

Please find below :

* An overview of the Coast-R Network Programme;
* An outline of the purpose of our Strategic Advisory Board;
* A description of the role of Strategic Advisory Board members;
* An outline of the time commitment required; and
* A description of the type of knowledge, skills and experience that we are looking for.

**How do I apply?**

If you are interested in joining our SAB after reading this, please complete the short application form on pages 4 and 5 below, and send this to us along with a copy of your CV (if you have one). Please send your application to [CoastR@hull.ac.uk](mailto:CoastR@hull.ac.uk) using the title ‘Coast R Network Strategic Advisory Board’ in the email subject line.

1. **Overview of the Coast-R Network :**

The Coast-R Network is a £2.1M, 5-year programme which aims to share knowledge and best practice on coastal resilience for UK communities and seas. The Network is building an inclusive and collaborative community of practice, advancing understanding of coastal change and enhancing the resilient management of UK coastal communities and seas, and the natural capital that sustains them. Further details on our partners, approach and objectives can be found here :   
[Homepage – Coast R Network](https://www.ukcoastalresilience.org/)

1. **Purpose of the Strategic Advisory Board :**

The Coast-R Strategic Advisory Board (SAB) will act as an overarching strategic advisory Board for the Coast-R Programme.  It will provide strategic oversight, guidance and expertise to the Coast-R Research and Delivery Team. The Board will provide high-level insights on policy, research, stakeholder engagement and best practice in coastal resilience to ensure that the Programme meets its objectives and maximises impact.  The Board will also bring sectoral representation to the programme, with partners from a range of UK regions and sectors.

1. **Role of Strategic Advisory Board members :**

The Strategic Advisory Board (SAB) will consist of a representatives drawn from the research, public, third sector and private sector with expertise (including local knowledge or lived experience) that is relevant to the Coast-R Network’s Objectives.

The Strategic Advisory Board will be responsible for :

* **Advising on Strategic Direction :** Providing expert insight into the programme’s strategic goals and priorities; and ensuring alignment with the UK’s coastal resilience needs and policy landscape.
* **Providing the Coast-R Research and Delivery Team with external, expert support and advice, reflecting broader perspectives on resilience needs and challenges.**

* **Providing strategic governance and oversight :** On programme monitoring and evaluation, and commitment to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; providing oversight of data management compliance, research ethics, and Responsible Research and Innovation.  Providing oversight of Flexible Fund processes; providing input into and review of the programme Risk Register, and other relevant programme activities and processes.
* **Facilitating Partnerships and Networking :** Assisting in connecting the programme with key stakeholders and developing strategic partnerships.
* **Advising on the allocation of programme resources and funding :** Providing input on the programme’s budget priorities, particularly around Flexible Funding and training budgets.

1. **What do we need from you?**

Your time commitment and support :

* Term : the Term will last the duration of the Coast-R Network – until September 2028, or the end of project funding.
* Meetings : The SAB will meet six-monthly, with meetings lasting approximately 3 hours.
* Time commitment : Estimated at 6 hours per 6 month period (3 hours’ meeting attendance and 3 hours’ preparation/follow up).
* Preparation and Engagement : Members will be expected to review relevant materials in advance, and actively participate in bringing knowledge and experience of their sector to discussions.

1. **What are we looking for?**

SAB members will :

* Share our vision : Be aligned with the vision, values and objectives for the programme, and be dedicated to making a meaningful contribution and impact;
* Have relevant experience : Prior experience as a trustee, board member, or key/lead volunteer within coastal resilience or climate change, adaptation or mitigation organisation is preferred but not required.
* Be a strategic thinker and a leader : With an ability to provide strategic direction and collaborate with the founding team to shape the Network’s vision and activities.

1. **Expenses :**

We will reimburse reasonable expenses to either your organisation or yourself as an individual (by mutual agreement) for time associated with participation. Expenses payments for time will be within the time parameters set out at 4, above. Where the SAB is meeting in person, we will reimburse reasonable travel and subsistence expenses in line with the limits set out in the University of Hull’s Expenses Policy.

1. **How do I apply?**

If you are interested in applying to be a voluntary, community & third sector rep on the SAB, please complete the short Expression of Interest form on page 4 & 5 below, and send it along with your CV to [Coastr@hull.ac.uk](mailto:Coastr@hull.ac.uk) by **4pm on Friday, 23rd May.** Please insert **‘Coast-R Network Strategic Advisory Board’** in the email subject line.

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**Coast-R Strategic Advisory Board : Expression of Interest Form**

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| **Name :** |
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| **Organisation Name :** |
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| **Organisation Type :** Please confirm that your organisation is a voluntary, community or other type of third sector organisation? (Yes/No) |
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| **Description :** Please specify your organisation type, eg. voluntary /community group, registered charity, Community Interest Company (CIC), etc : |
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| **Governing documents :** Please tell us whether your organisation has a governing document, eg. a constitution, articles of association, etc : |
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| **Membership :** Please tell us how many members your organisation has (if you don’t know your exact membership, an approximate figure will suffice) : |
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| **Staffing :** Does your organisation employ any staff? If so, please tell us how many : |
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| **Personal Statement :**  Please set out below in no more than 500 words :   * Why you would like to join the Coast-R Strategic Advisory Board, and * What knowledge, skills and experience you would bring to the Board and how you feel this would be of value. |
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