

Looking ahead, and back!

Welcome to the second edition of the Coast-R Network's newsletter, sharing news and updates from across the Resilient UK Coastal Communities and Seas Programme.

Colleagues and partners across the programme have had a busy few months since our last newsletter was published just before the winter break. Below, you can read news from recent events across the UK from the Welsh Coast to East Anglia, London to Stromness.

Don't forget to save the date to join us at the Y2 Coast-R Network annual event in September in Glasgow and online in the first of our Webinar Series on 14 May. Plus there are opportunities to get involved in both the ARISE and RACC projects.

As always, please do pass on this newsletter to colleagues working in coastal and marine resilience. And do reach out to us on coastr@hull.ac.uk with ideas, training needs and opportunities. We'd love to hear from you!

Prof Briony McDonagh
Coast-R Network Lead, University of Hull

Coast-R Network News Round-up



Key takeaways from the UK Flood Resilience Inquiry

Coast-R Network lead, Prof Briony McDonagh gives her 10 key takeaways from the written evidence submitted to the UK Government's recent Flood Resilience in England inquiry.

[Read the article](#)



Exploring diverse understanding and knowledge within the ReCCS projects

Dr Kate Smith gives an update on our January 2025 online workshop, with further news of the Coast-R Network webinar series, which will launch on 14 May.

[Read the article](#)

Building Dialogue and Collaboration for Coastal



Resilience

Aberystwyth University Dialogue Centre's Principal Lead, Dr Jennifer Wolowic, recounts how our recent Dialogue Training workshop equipped participants with foundations for hosting meaningful conversations as part of their work with the Coast-R Network.

[Read the article](#)

Got a training need?

Do you have a training need around coastal and marine resilience? If so, the Coast-R Network team would be pleased to hear from you!

Drop us a line at CoastR@hull.ac.uk

Coming soon from Coast-R



Book on our Coast-R Network Webinar Series

2-3pm, 14 May 2025

Guest speakers Dr. Marta Meschini, Dr. Elina Apine and Dr. Emma McKinley will join the first of our new Coast-R Network Webinar Series. Listen to presentations and join the discussion around co-benefit solutions for resilient coasts, and ocean literacy strategies for engaging communities in England and Wales.

[Book your place](#)



Flood & Coast

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3-5 June 2025, The Telford International Centre

The Coast-R Network team will be at this year's Flood and Coast event - drop in to see us at stand J14.

CIWEM bill their annual conference as an inclusive, diverse community of people working towards a sustainable future.

[Visit the event website](#)



UK Coastal Research Conference 2025

1-3 July 2025, Liverpool

Coast-R Co-I, Dr Charlotte Lyddon will represent the Network at the UK Coastal Research Conference. In the session on “Water quality and coastal ecology” on Wed 2 July, Charlotte is presenting on the “Vulnerability of estuary water quality to climate change”. She will also represent the Coast-R Network in the poster exhibition, later that day.

[Conference information](#)



Coast-R Network Year 2 Event

11-12 Sept 2025, University of Glasgow

Booking opens in May for our engaging event, focussed on building resilience for coastal communities and seas.

Please get in touch with us coastaladaptation@glasgow.ac.uk if you have any successful or current projects you'd like us to include as part of our dialogues or problem-solving labs!

[Find out more](#)

Focus on the Resilience of Anthropocene Coasts and Communities Project



Call-out for contributors to the RACC Solutions Hackathon

Join the RACC project team and collaborators from across the country. Help identify solutions to increase coastal communities and ecosystem resilience.



Meet Dr Isabel Cotton - RACC Postdoctoral Researcher

Find out about Dr Isabel Cotton's work to support community and stakeholder engagement with the RACC project.

[Read the blog](#)



Meet Rhys Jones - PhD researcher supporting the RACC project

Rhys Jones introduces himself and his PhD research with the RACC project, focussing on community engagement and policy.

[Read the blog](#)

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ReCCS Programme Projects Update



ARISE funded PhD Studentship

Our colleagues on the ARISE Project are recruiting to a fully-funded PhD studentship in resilience and sustainability policy, held in conjunction with the Leverhulme Trust's Sustainable Transitions Doctoral Training Programme.

[Apply by 18 April](#)

ARISE invitation to New Coastal Resilience Community of Practice

Starting 10am, 22 May 2025

What if we could make connections to other committed people through a shared belief that coastal lives, coastal living and our coastal environment in Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Kent could be made more sustainable, resilient and prosperous?

We will share knowledge, experience and wisdom to make that future possible for ourselves and others. If you know people who might be interested, please forward this to them.

[Book your place](#)



Reporting on the TRACC retreat in Greenwich

The team from the Transformative Research Actions for resilient Coastal Communities (TRACC) project report on their second retreat, where they developed a vision for TRACC that brings out the relations between resilience, transformation, power and justice.

[Read the article](#)



TRANSECTS Creative practice and energy transitions workshop

The first public workshop for the TRANSECTS project was held in Stromness on 26th Feb 2025. Sixteen Orkney-based arts and heritage practitioners were invited to explore creative practice and energy transitions and what this means for Orkney past and present.

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