

Celebrating our first year!

1st July marked the beginning of Year 2 of the Coast-R Network programme, which will be led by colleagues at the University of Glasgow. It therefore seems an excellent opportunity to extend my thanks to everyone involved in the Network for their hard work over Year 1 of the programme.

For me, personal highlights of Year 1 have been the positivity and good will at our launch event for the Coast-R Network and Resilient Coastal Communities and Seas Programme in November 2024 at the University of Hull, and the hugely nurturing experience that was the Aberystwyth Dialogues Training Workshop back in March 2025. But I know you will have your own highlights too.

This newsletter covers recent news and blogs on the Coastal Research Conference in Liverpool and Flood and Coast exhibition in Telford. The latter saw our colleague, Dr Kate Smith, awarded the WIFRCM Rising Star! Congratulations are also due to Prof Larissa Naylor, who recently took up a new role with the Council of Europe. We also share news of our next webinar on 15 July.

I'm also delighted to see the four ReCCS projects going from strength to strength, as well as to see our co-sponsored solutions-orientated workshop on beach litter take place in Glasgow in June. You'll see news below from our colleagues in the TRANSECTS project, including a review of their second annual event.

Finally, do join us on 11th and 12th September at the University of Glasgow for our Coast-R Network Annual Forum 2025: Co-creating Resilient Coasts.

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

Coast-R Network News Round-up



Looking back on our Network's first year

Prof Briony McDonagh, Coast-R Network lead, reflects on the successes of the Network's first year, and looks forward to the next programme milestones.

[Read the blog](#)

Advising the Council of Europe

Congratulations to Coast-R project Co-lead Professor Larissa Naylor of the University of Glasgow, who has recently been appointed as expert advisor to the Council of Europe's Congress of Local and Regional Authorities' Governance Committee. Larissa will act



as sole author on a report entitled 'How can we cope with coastal erosion (in our changing climate)?'

[Find out more](#)



Coast-R Network team member receives Rising Star Award

Dr Kate Smith of our Coast-R Network team was the proud recipient of the Rising Star category in the Women in Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (WiFCERM) Awards 2025 at the annual Flood & Coast conference dinner.

[Find out more](#)



Coast-R Network on tour

The UK Coastal Research Conference took place in Liverpool from 1–3 July 2025. Dr Charlotte Lyddon represented the Coast-R Network. She reports back on the event, which brought together coastal researchers and practitioners from across the country.

[Read the blog](#)



Our Coast-R Webinar Series is live (and recorded)!

There's still time to book on our next interactive webinar, taking place 15 July. And you can access recordings of our first two webinars via the new Coast-R Network youtube channel.

[Find out more](#)

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



Coast-R Network Webinar 3

2-3pm, Tue 15 July

The third of our Coast-R Network Webinars will see a presentation on "Crafting the Shore" from Dr Suzana Ilic and Dr Serena Pollastri of Lancaster University and an introduction to the SMMR programme from Prof David Paterson of St Andrews University.

[Book your place](#)



Coast-R Annual Forum 2025: Co-creating Resilient Coasts

11-12 Sept 2025, University of Glasgow

How can we work well together across interfaces to build more resilient coastal communities and seas? Join us in Glasgow for the Coast-R Network Annual Forum 2025.

Booking now open!

[Book your place](#)

Focus on TRANSECTS



Making connections at Flood and Coast 2025

Amy McCarron is a Research Fellow working on the TRANSECTS project. In this Coast-R Network blog, she introduces herself and reflects on attending Flood & Coast 2025 for the first time.

[Read the blog](#)



Meet TRANSECTS' New Post-Doc Researchers

The TRANSECTS Project has welcomed a new cohort of brilliant post-doctoral researchers to their team to bring fresh perspectives, expertise, and energy to our community.

[Find out more](#)



Reporting on the TRANSECTS 2nd Annual Meeting 2025

Assoc Prof Karen Alexander, lead for TRANSECTS, reports on their second Annual Meeting, where the whole research team gathered to reflect on progress, share insights and plan the road ahead.

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