

Autumn Network News

Hello and welcome to the October edition of the Coast-R newsletter.

It was a delight to meet with many of our Coast-R Network colleagues at the recent Annual Forum 2025: Co-creating Resilient Coasts, which was hosted by the University of Glasgow and kicked off our Year 2 programme. Many thanks to colleagues there for coordinating such a thought-provoking programme, and to all our speakers, workshop organisers and participants for their contributions in the room.

We've had a busy month since then: we've submitted evidence to the EFRA inquiry on coastal erosion, published our (interim) report on Coastal Change and Transition, and launched the first round of our Small Grants Fund (with awards of between £5,000 and £25,000). Applications are open until 31 October, so please read on for an introduction to the fund and link to further information on our website.

This month's newsletter brings you blogs exploring the continued development of a shared Living Glossary (including downloadable resources) and the linked Pre-Mortem 2050 and Imagining Radical Futures workshops, as well details of a follow-up ECR careers session.

We also share a round-up of Coast-R and ReCCS projects news.

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



Feedback invited on our first report

Our new report is now out for discussion with the Coast-R Network community of practice. The report addresses Coastal Change and Transition, and its impacts on coastal communities and the natural capital of our coastal zones.

It draws on our learnings in Year 1 of the Coast-R programme including our Collaborative Coastal Enquiry, workshops in places affected by coastal change, and lots of conversations with practitioners, policymakers and researchers.

In the report, we define key terms, provide a brief overview of coastal governance and policy, report against our three cross-cutting themes - Working Together at Interfaces; Living with Coastal (Un)certainties; and People, Places and Participation – and offer recommendations for action. It is aimed at a broad audience of policymakers, practitioners and researchers.

We'd love to hear what you think. This reflects the co-productive ethos of the Coast-R Network. You can contribute ideas and suggestions via our short survey until 7 Nov 2025. We'll then update and issue the final version of the report before the end of 2025. The report is intended as the first in a regular series from the Coast-R team. Other coastal and marine resilience topics will be considered in later briefs – again, please do let us know via the form if you've got suggestions about topics to cover.

[Access the report & form](#)

Coast-R Network News Round-up



Applications are open for our Small Grants Fund

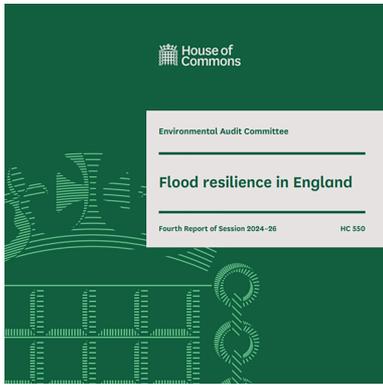
Apply by 31 October

We're delighted to invite applications to the first round of our Small Grants Fund (SGF) with awards of between £5,000 and £25,000 to support UK coastal resilience.

SGF Round 1 will support small scale, place-based projects involving early career researchers in two-way (or multi-way) research and knowledge exchange.

Applications close at 4pm on 31 October. Please see our website for more information about the scheme's scope, priority areas, eligibility, and expected outcomes and outputs.

[Find out more](#)



Coast-R policy engagement

The Environmental Audit Committee published its report on Flood resilience in England on Monday 13 October. Coast-R leads, Prof Briony McDonagh and Prof Larissa Naylor were both invited to speak at the opening session of the Inquiry earlier this year.

The report reflects submitted evidence on the need for better coordination between agencies in flood recovery, the importance of nature-based solutions and catchment-based planning, as well the importance of community engagement and environmental justice.

[Read the report](#)



Coast-R Network co-lead becomes expert advisor to Council of Europe

Congratulations to Coast-R Network 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 in the news

Coast-R Network leads Larissa Naylor and Briony McDonagh were interviewed by journalist Katharine Quarmby, leading to their mention in a number of articles about flooding and coastal erosion:

- The Prospect Magazine: Article published 27.9.25. [The hell of high water](#)
- The Ferret website: published 28.9.25. [How communities are struggling to recover after flooding and coastal erosion – The Ferret](#)
- Scottish Daily National - paper and online edition: published 28.9.25. [After the flood: What can our communities expect in future? | The National](#)

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

Annual Forum Follow-up



Back from the Brink: Rethinking Interfaces for Coastal Resilience

Dr Katherine Simpson of the University of Glasgow and Lewis Coenen-Rowe of Culture for Climate Scotland reflect on two interactive workshops from our recent Annual Forum - the Pre-Mortem of 2050 and Imagining Radical Futures - and look towards next steps.

[Read the blog](#)

Words for Work: The Coast-R Living Glossary

Jenna Kirk, Josie Baker, Larissa Naylor and Stephanie Jones reflect on the Annual Forum workshop revisiting the development of a Living Glossary of coastal resilience terminology. Their insightful blog contains a short animation and links to various resources.

[Read the blog](#)

Join our ECR careers event

Our online event, "Navigating coastal, marine and environmental careers: explore and connect" brings together students, recent graduates, early career researchers, and professionals to explore career pathways in the coastal, marine and environmental sectors.

[Book your place](#)

ReCCS Round-Up: TRANSECTS focus



Meet TRANSECTS researcher Sofie Illemann Jæger

In this blog, Dr Sofie Illemann Jæger introduces her work to understand coastal communities' relationships with the infrastructures that support marine energy transitions - and how changes in these infrastructures and the marine environment affect people's sense of well-being.

[Read the blog](#)

Storylines workshop report

TRANSECTS' first 'Storylines' workshop took place in Kirkwall at the King Street Halls on August 30th, following an open public call for stories of oil and gas in Orkney.

Read this event report, shared via the TRANSECTS website.

[Read the article](#)

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