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Coast-R Small Grants Fund Round 1 Information Webinar & Q&A : 7th October 2025

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2. Coast-R N+ & ReCCs overview

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The ReCCS Programme

- The Resilient UK Coastal Communities and Seas programme (2024-28) is a **£14.8M investment consisting of a Network Plus, Flexible Fund and 4 research grants (projects).**
- Programme aims:
 - Build a transdisciplinary, whole systems understanding of UK coastal seas, coastal communities and coastal natural capital.
 - Support collaboration with stakeholders to build understanding and enable transformative decision-making.
 - Enhance community knowledge mobilisation and improve resilience in the management of UK coastal areas and seas.



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4 ReCCS projects

- **Advancing Resilience and Innovation for a Sustainable Environment (ARISE)**
 - Gina Reinhardt, University of Essex
- **Resilience of the Anthropocene coasts and communities: assessing and responding to urban and post-industrial coastal risks (RACC)**
 - Kate Spencer, Queen Mary University of London
- **Transformative Research Actions for Resilient Coastal Communities (TRACC)**
 - Tim Acott (Co-Lead), University of Greenwich
 - Jasper Kenter (Co-Lead), Aberystwyth University
- **Transitions in Energy for Coastal communities over Time and Space (TRANSECTS)**
 - Karen Alexander, Heriot-Watt University



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COastal Communities & Seas Together for Resilience (aka Coast-R Network)

- Coast-R is an **inclusive and action-driven community of practice** working to build knowledge, action and resilience for UK coastal communities and seas.
- It **champions research & knowledge exchange across the ReCCS programme**, directs the **Flexible Fund**, and seeks to **scale and embed place-based interventions into policy & practice**, thereby delivering a step-change in UK coastal resilience.
- Join up via ukcoastalresilience.org or email:
COASTR@hull.ac.uk



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Our objectives

1. **Sharing learnings and good practice** across sectors and disciplines so as to build UK coastal and marine resilience.
2. **Co-designing and hosting events, training and mentoring** to improve partnership working and nurture the next generation of resilience champions.
3. Working in partnership with coastal communities and partners **to identify and respond to priority needs using our Flexible Fund.**
4. **Collating key insights, case studies and resources** through our website, policy briefs, foresight documents, conferences and practitioner events.
5. **Building ongoing practitioner and community-led evaluation** and reflection on the activities of the Network+ and funded projects, and thereby shape future learning, legacy and funding opportunities.



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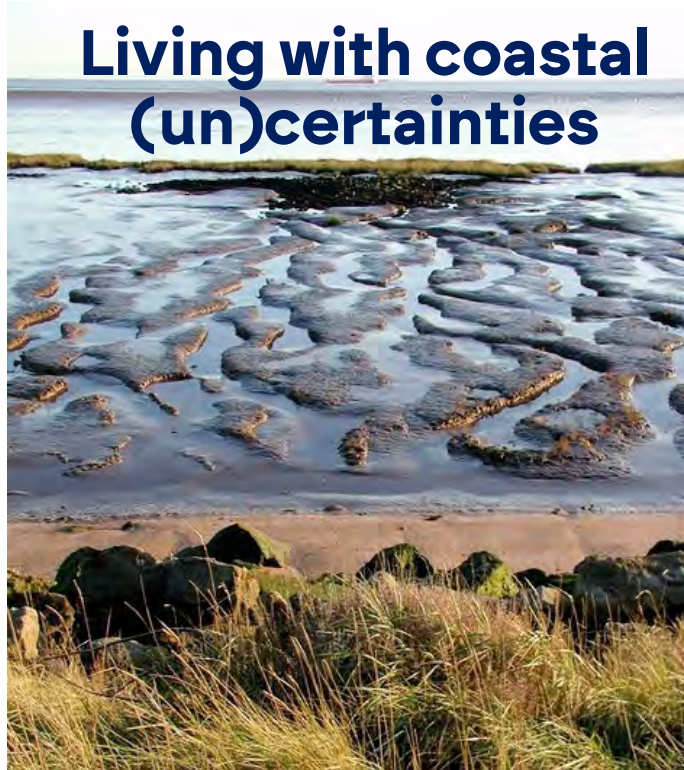
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Our cross-cutting themes

People, places and participation



Living with coastal (un)certainties



Working together at interfaces



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COastal Communities And Seas Together for Resilience (COAST-R Network+)

KEY NUMBERS SO FAR

440 network sign-ups

885 LinkedIn followers

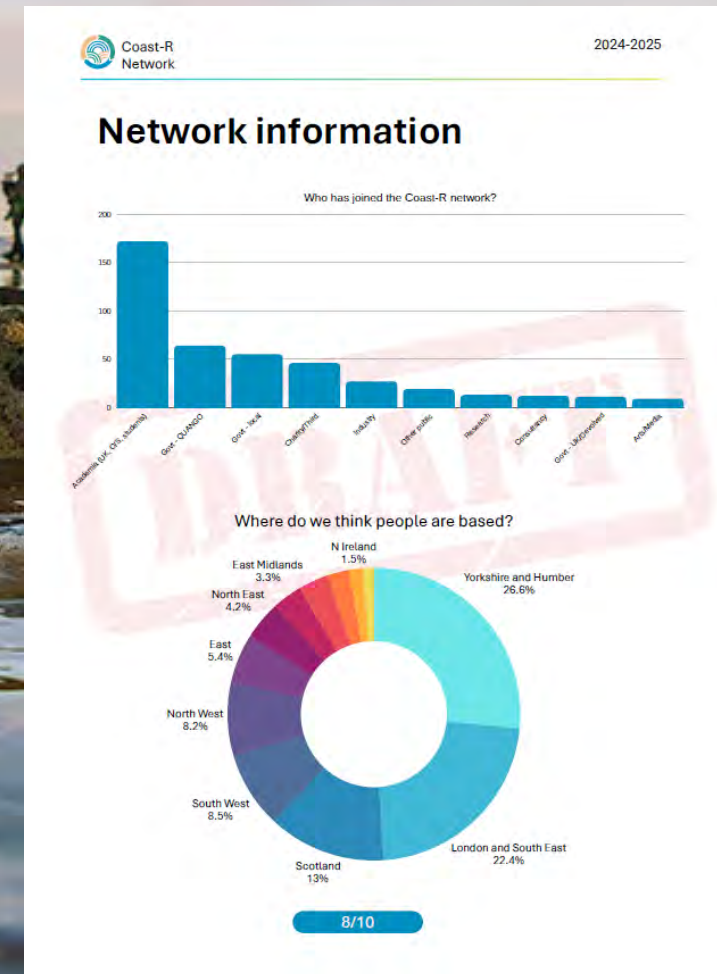
23 engagement activities, reaching 2878 people

2 gov.uk committee appearances

1 gov.uk inquiry submission

3 webinars held

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2. Small Grants Fund (Round 1)

[www.ukcoastalresilience.org/
small-grants-fund-round-1](http://www.ukcoastalresilience.org/small-grants-fund-round-1)



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Overarching Focus: Round 1

Round 1 of our SGF will support **small scale, place-based projects** involving **early career researchers (post-doctoral)** in **two-way / multi-way research and knowledge exchange**.

- **We particularly encourage** projects which:
 - Involve **partnership and cross-sectoral working**;
 - Include the **active engagement of individuals and organisations with lived experience** of coastal change; and
 - Will **scale and embed research, knowledge and learning** about coastal and marine resilience **across & between sectors and communities**.



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This might include activities which:

- Generate **new learning, data, approaches or resources;**
- Make **existing research findings accessible** to new and more diverse audiences; and/or
- **Inform policy and enable transformative decision making** at community level.



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Round 1 Priority Activity Areas: (x 6)

- **Translating knowledge/making research findings accessible to new audiences** including practitioners, policymakers and/or researchers.
- **Collating or scaling up learning** across regions, devolved nations, or sectors.
- **Developing new toolkits & approaches**, including for delivering community engagement 'at scale'.
- Fostering the **exchange of ideas and approaches between coastal communities 'at risk'**.
- Developing **improved evaluation and monitoring** of existing projects.
- Fostering **skills for inclusive resilience**, including **amplifying 'least heard' voices**.




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Funding Pathways & Grant Size

Funding Pathways available (x2):

Starter Funds : Grant Value : Minimum £5000, maximum £7500*

- Designed to be inclusive of **smaller grassroots level** activities.
- **Develop ideas, build experience, and enhance production & exchange** of learning.

Larger Funds : Grant Value : Minimum £7501, maximum £25,000*

- Designed to **develop more established ideas & approaches in greater depth.**
- Delivery period **likely/expected to be longer in duration.**

**Inclusive of non-recoverable VAT.*



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Eligibility (1)

Applications must demonstrate the following:

- Involve the **active and meaningful engagement*** of a **post-doctoral Early Career Researcher** (*ideally, as Project Lead or Co-lead).
- **ECR must be employed at a UK University or other eligible UKRI-funded organisation.** (Can advise if needed).
- **Not open to PGRs.**



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Eligibility (2)

- **ECR definition : Post-doctoral**, exploring **research leadership potential**.
- **Self-defining : Typically within 8 years** post-doctorate, **but not always**, & taking account of **career breaks**.
- Must start delivery **from 1st Feb 26**, and **complete delivery by 31st Oct 26** (ie. 9 months).




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Grant Awards & FEC

In line with UKRI requirements for grants to 'eligible organisations', grants will be awarded at 80% of FEC.

Examples:

- Minimum **£5000 grant award** (awarded at 80% FEC) would require a minimum total **project budget value of £6250** (at 100% FEC).
- Maximum **£25,000 grant award** (awarded at 80% of FEC) would require a total **project budget value of £31,250** (at 100% FEC).



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Examples of Eligible Costs

Workshops, activities and event costs	Travel and subsistence costs for workshops and events	Costs of organising activities
Materials & small scale equipment directly connected to delivery.	Community participation expenses	Staff costs required for specific elements of running the project
Training costs	<u>Directly Allocated staffing costs associated with employment of the ECR (no limit)</u>	<i>Other</i> DA staffing, DA overheads, Estates& Indirects: <u>Limited to 20% of total grant requested.</u>



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Exclusions

The following costs are not eligible:

- Costs incurred prior to the date of grant approval.
- Pre-existing activity or ongoing operations.
- Costs which are already subject to a grant / finance from another source.
- PhD stipends or fees.
- Religious & party-political activity.
- Alcohol.



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Limitations

The following costs may not in combination exceed 20% of the total grant figure requested:

- DA staffing costs which are **not directly related to the employment (salary & employer oncosts) of the ECR in question.**
- **DA overhead costs.**
- **Indirect costs.**

Note: There is **no limitation on DA employment costs directly related to the ECR themselves**, (ie. where the ECR is classed as a DA staffing cost).



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Limitations - Examples

Example 1: Smaller Funds Application

Total budget (at 100% FEC): £6250

Amount of grant awarded by the Small Grants Fund (at 80% FEC): £5000

Maximum grant awarded for Other DA & Indirects: £1000 (20% of £5000 grant award).

Example 2: Larger Funds Application

Total budget (at 100% FEC): £31,250

Amount of grant awarded by the Small Grants Fund (at 80% FEC): £25,000

Maximum grant awarded for Other DA and Indirects: £5000
(20% of £25,000 grant award).




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Mandatory Deliverables

All projects must:

- Contribute to a Coast-R Network **webinar** (held monthly);
- Contribute to a **blog** for the Coast-R newsletter and website;
- **Progress report(s)**: Quarterly (for Larger Funds) and Final (Starter Funds).



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Other Outputs - Examples

- **Toolkits and 'How to' guides**
- **Case studies and web resources**
- **Training resources which can be adopted and used by others**
- **Policy outputs, including briefs and foresight documents**
- **Academic publications**
- **Practitioner-focused publications/reports.**



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Submission Process & Timeline

- Submit applications to CoastR@hull.ac.uk: By **4pm, Friday 31st October**.
- Reviewing process: 1st – 21st November.
- Applications decisions panel meeting held: by Friday 19th December.
- Decisions out to applicants: By **Tuesday 23rd December**.
- Contracts drafted and sent out to grant recipients : by 23rd January 2026.
- Projects start delivery: From **1st February 2026**.
- Projects complete delivery: **By 31st October 2026**.
- Projects complete monitoring & evaluation reporting:
By 30th November 2026.



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