

# Transformative Action for Resilient Coastal Communities



## Building greater resilience in the Clyde's coastal communities

### Would you like to be involved?

Change is part of life and the landscape – especially at the coast. But the pace and scale of change - in our climate, economy, natural world and communities – is speeding up and putting extra pressure on us and the places where we live and work. Many individuals and organisations are already very concerned about this – you may be among them.

The new TRACC project will work with and alongside existing initiatives, to try new approaches to strengthening resilience, recognising that rapid change also brings opportunities, as well as challenges.

The project team is composed of a diverse group of scientists and artists with interests in the sea and coastal communities, who will spend the next four years working together with people from the Clyde (and three others across the UK) identifying transformative pathways to building coastal resilience.

We have a clear process for involving, working with and being led by local communities and organisations to explore and strengthen coastal resilience in the Clyde. However, at the heart of it are the people and groups who know the place best and are invested in finding positive ways forwards for sustainability.

We know that listening and learning will be vital, so we are setting up a small, active research group in the Clyde, or Resilience Collective (RC). This will be made up of people from the Firth's coastal communities, and other relevant organisations, with the time, energy, knowledge and willingness to actively and collaboratively engage on coastal resilience in the Clyde. The scope and direction of the Clyde Resilience Collective will be dependent on its members but may seek to give voice not only to coastal communities but also to nature and the 'more than human' elements that are so important to the quality of life in our area.

The Clyde RC will also connect with the other Resilience Collectives from communities in England, Wales and Northern Ireland through the Coastal Partnerships Network via a national Resilience Assembly. This will enable the sharing of experiences and learning from each other to contribute to what coastal resilience looks like at a national scale.

**If this sounds interesting, please email Nathan Miller, TRACC Clyde Project Administrator: [Nathan.miller@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:Nathan.miller@glasgow.ac.uk)**

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### *For more information:*

<https://www.ukcoastalresilience.org/project/transformative-research-actions-for-resilient-coastal-communities-tracc>

### *Who should get involved?*

TRACC explicitly wants to bring together a diverse range of people. You might be part of a local community and have a keen interest in the local environment or someone who is already active in local initiatives in the community. Your livelihood and way of life may depend on the coast and sea. You may be a local decision-maker or someone who is skilled in community mobilisation. You may be part of local organisations or enterprises that shape local ecologies and places. You may be an artist inspired by where you live or a teacher guiding the next generation. You may have been involved in this sort of thing before, you may not. The key is an interest in coastal community resilience and in working collaboratively with a group of others, over an extended period in an exciting and engaging learning alliance.

### *What would I be expected to do?*

TRACC is running until 2028, and the current thinking is that the Resilience Collectives will run until then.

Each Resilience Collective is likely to have a different focus and to organise themselves differently because they will be shaped by participants, but we anticipate a combination of regular though not overly frequent online and in-person opportunities to get together around questions or activities.

Not everyone will be able to make the same commitment, so there will be flexibility.

### *Access & Inclusion*

Everyone is welcome. Where people have additional needs, the Team is committed to considering and meeting them wherever possible.

### Opportunities for learning

Throughout the project, the TRACC Team will be working to better understand some very interesting and important issues and being part of the Resilience Collective will give you the opportunity to engage with these activities.

- Identify some resilience learning themes the Resilience Collective would like to learn about and be supported to jointly learn about them over the course of the project. Each Resilience Collective will have a Community Fund of £15,000 to design and deliver their own joint learning and action.
- Learn how power and governance is shaping coastal decision-making and resilience
- Join arts activities to explore meanings and futures narratives of the coast (forum theatre, soundscapes, creative writing)
- Use a marine ecosystem data and model via a web app to explore the effects of different ways of managing the sea
- Learn how the sea is valued by diverse local communities drawing on a large database of community videos and a values survey
- Hear about the findings of citizen panels on coastal resilience topics
- Participate in a process of developing and evaluating storylines and scenarios for resilience futures with researchers and citizen panels.
- Learn about ocean & climate literacy.
- Co-design with researchers an area strategy and tools.

Transformative Research Actions for Resilient Coastal Communities (TRACC) is a UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) funded research and action project running from 2024-2028. The project brings together researchers, practitioners and communities to learn and act together in search of transformative pathways to coastal resilience.