

About the Landscape Research Group

The LRG is a UK charity, originally founded in 1967, and converted to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in 2020. We aim to stimulate and promote landscape research, including through the dissemination of research results. We also seek to develop and serve a community of interest committed to the promotion of landscape research, its communication, and its use.

We work for the public benefit and our distinctive priority is to promote research that contributes towards more equitable and sustainable relationships between people and landscape. Our *Research Strategy* calls for creative and proactive responses to some of the major challenges facing modern society. (<https://landscaperesearch.org/about-us/our-strategy/>)

We see the relationship between people and landscape as a fundamental aspect of life for everyone, everywhere. Through our trustees, members, and partnerships, we represent a broad range of disciplines and interests. We connect people, knowledge, and learning in the arts, humanities, social sciences, and sciences. We forge links between the world of research and other areas of society and life. Our membership is open to anyone who has an interest in landscape and in the ways we shape, and are shaped by, the places in which we live. Fostering this diverse community is fundamental to achieving a full and varied understanding of landscape and to realising the public benefits that can flow from landscape research.

With our publishing partner Taylor & Francis, LRG publishes the highly-respected international and inter-disciplinary journal, *Landscape Research* (www.tandfonline.com/loi/clar20). We grant-fund research projects. We organise a regular programme of research showcases, lectures, panels, and other events in the UK and also support and collaborate with others in organising events in the UK, across Europe, and the world. Our development of hybrid events has allowed us to grow our international presence significantly. We communicate widely through our website (<https://landscaperesearch.org/>) and its associated platform *The Landscape Exchange* (<https://lex.landscaperesearch.org/>), e-bulletins and social media. The LRG has a small but engaged international membership, with members in over thirty countries and territories worldwide.

Historically, the LRG's activities have been delivered through the voluntary effort of its trustees and members, together with a number of part-time contract staff. The charity is in a relatively strong financial position with a stable income of over £100,000 per annum (largely from journal publishing royalties) and a substantial reserve. We have expanded our activities and are ambitious to achieve more in relation to our charitable aims. Strategic priorities include sustaining and enhancing our activities that promote and disseminate landscape research; developing our membership, and partnerships; increasing and diversifying income; and enhancing LRG's profile and influence.

The new Director of Operations will step into a stable organisation with a small staff including a part-time Director of External Affairs. The charity also continues to benefit from the services of a number of contractors supplying website, journal editing, and administrative support services, as well as a firm relationship with the editorial team of our academic journal, *Landscape Research*.