



Energy Geographies Research Group Annual General Meeting 2025

Chair: Catherine Butler

Treasurer: Ami Crowther

Secretary: Helena Hastie



Energy Geographies Research Group

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Update on membership



- 90 Royal Geographical Society members
- 285 followers on Bluesky
- 556 Subscribers to our mailing list



EnGRG Finances Update

Balance end of 23/24: £1803.61

Balance end of 24/25: £2665.10

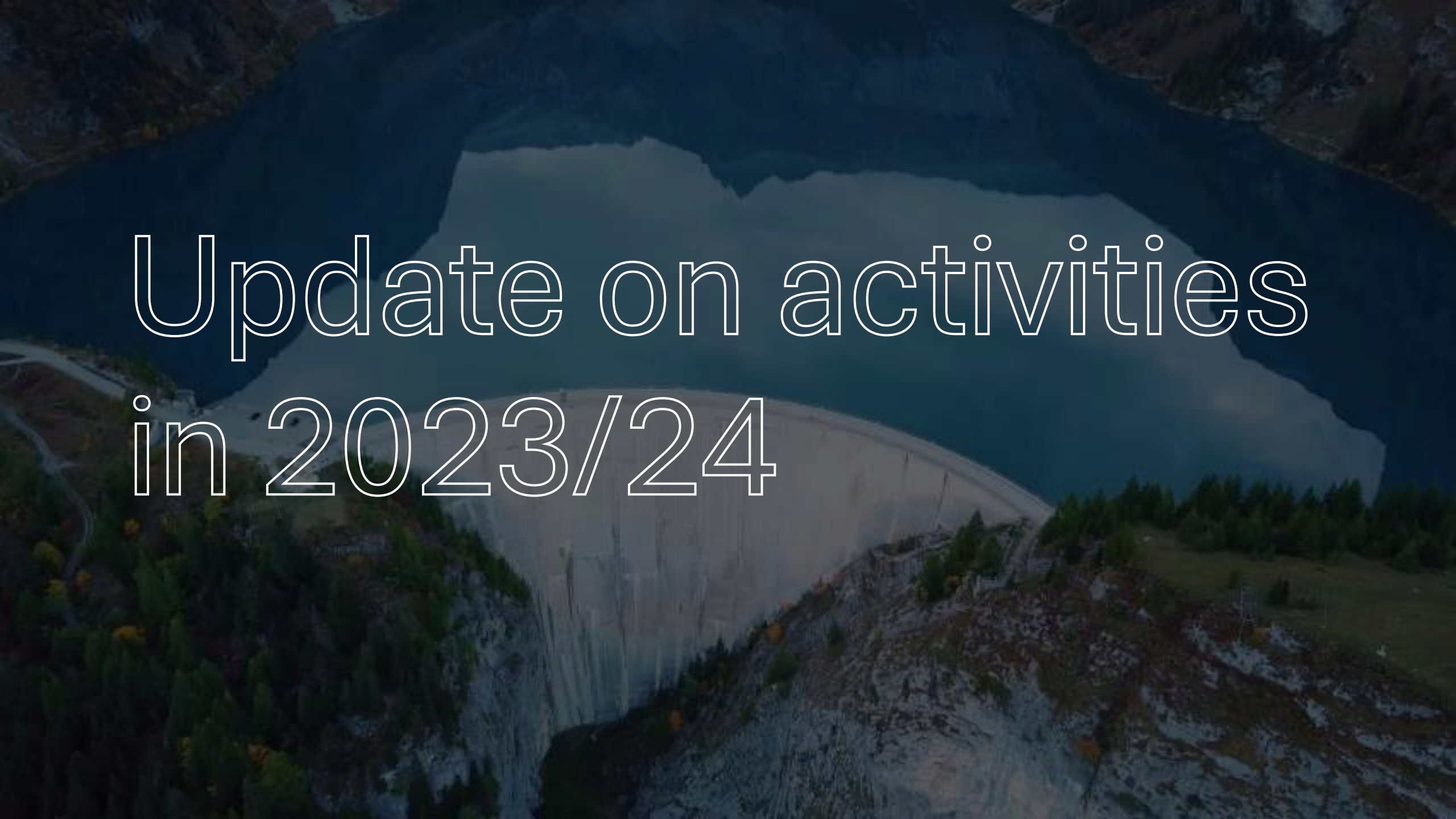
Income:

- RGS funding - £273
- Book royalties - £1313

Expenditure:

- Website - £279
- PGR awards - £102
- UG awards - £125
- BSA/EnGRG conference - £218

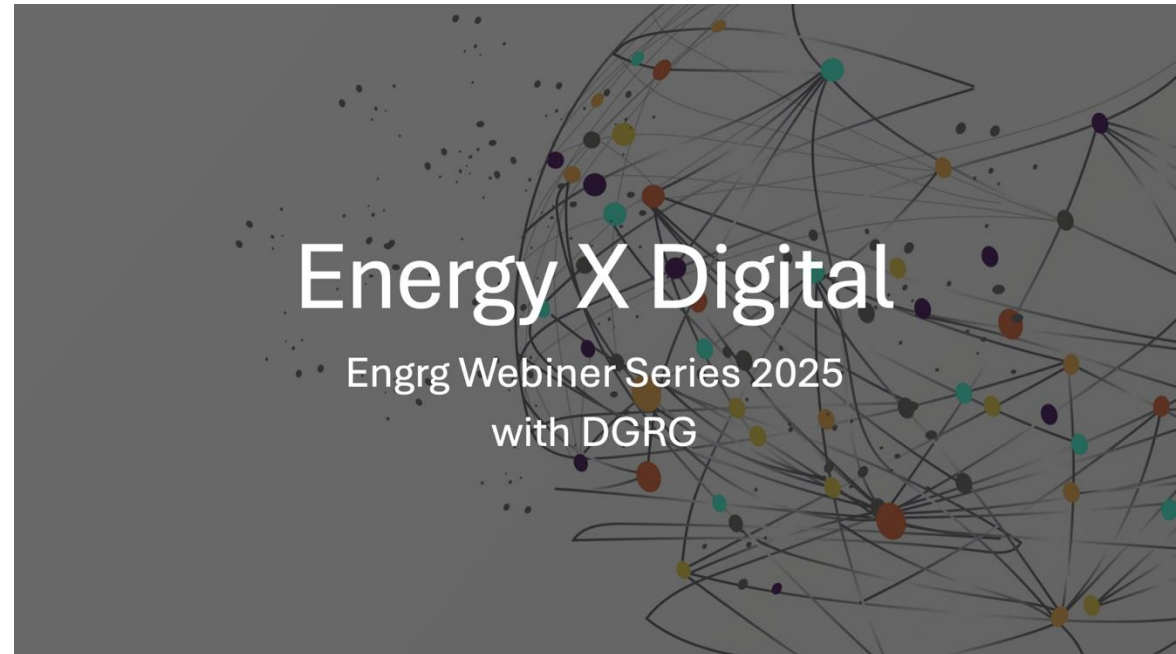
There's money available to do things, any ideas or suggestions welcome!

An aerial photograph of a large concrete dam and its reservoir. The reservoir is a deep blue color, filling the upper half of the frame. The dam is a long, curved concrete structure that spans a deep valley. The surrounding landscape is rugged, with steep, rocky slopes and some sparse vegetation. The text "Update on activities in 2023/24" is overlaid in a white, outlined font, centered horizontally and spanning across the middle of the image.

Update on activities in 2023/24

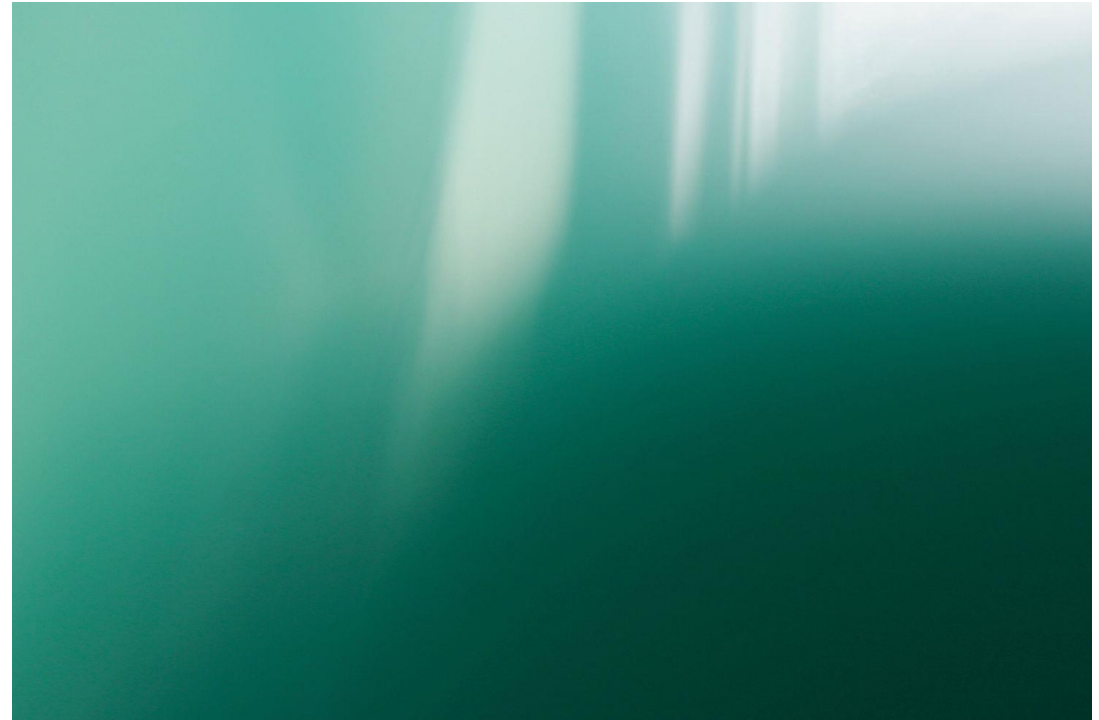
2025 Webinar Series - Energy X Digital

- Collaboration with the Digital Geographies research group
- Spring 2025 – talks from Ola Michalec Ralitsa Hiteva, Yolande Strengers, Iain Soutar, Available to watch back on our webpages!



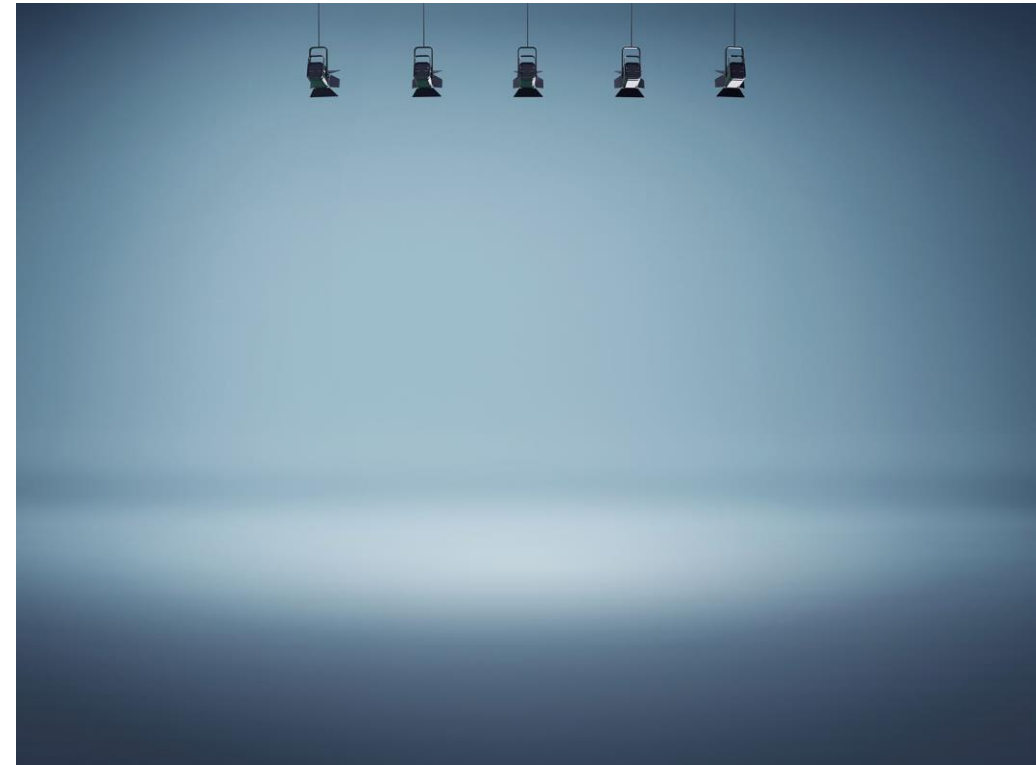
PGR One day online Conference

- Organiser: Nivedita Singh
- Just energy transitions – speakers from around the world
- Write up on the event will be made available on the ENGRG website 'Latest' section



Spotlight Videos

- Organisers: Ami Crowther, Raihana Ferdous, Llinos Brown
- First video from Marie Claire Brisbois is available to view on the ENGRG website 'Latest' section



Communications from ENGRG

- Website
- Newsletter
- Social media (Linkedin & Bluesky)



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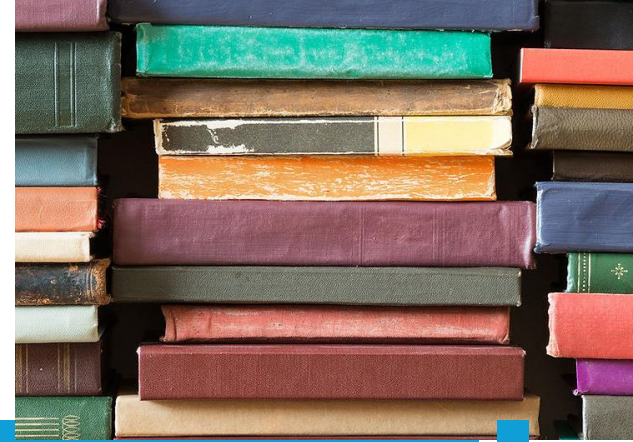
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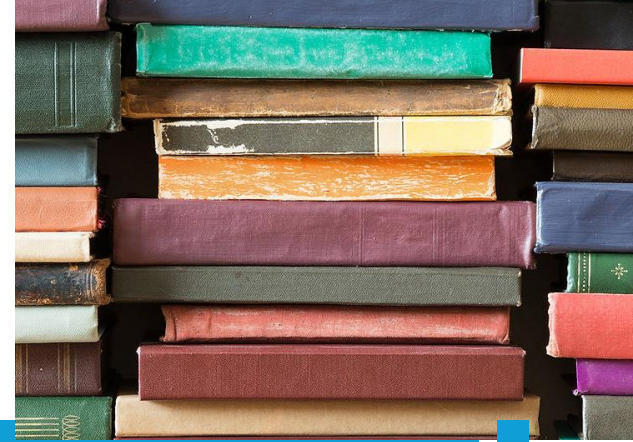
Awards and Prizes



- **Undergraduate Dissertation Prize**

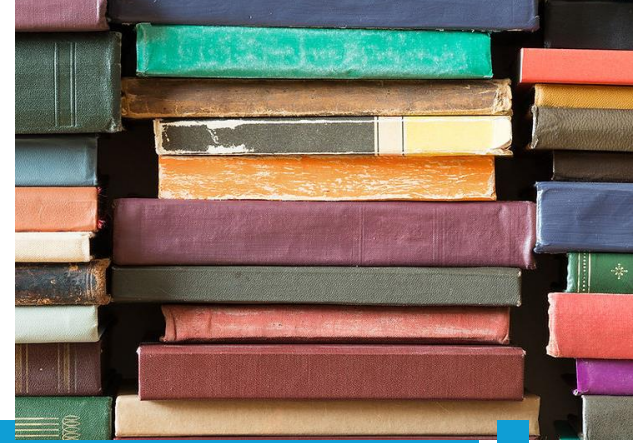
- We had 9 nominations for the undergraduate dissertation prize this year, with students from Bristol, Cambridge, Durham, Exeter, King's College, Manchester, Newcastle, Nottingham, and UCL.
- Winners: Isabelle Carroll, "Renewable Energy Landscapes: Exploring local perceptions of wind turbine infrastructure in Galway, Ireland" and Emma Khodykina, "A lifecycle analysis of carbon emissions and environmental impacts of UK onshore and offshore wind farms"
- Honourable Mentions: Rachel Garlake-Louw, "Frontlines and Solidarity: A decolonial Approach to Climate Activism Against the East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) in Uganda and the UK, and its implications for the global climate justice movement" and Lucas Vigroux, "Assessing the potential of onshore wind and solar power towards UK Net Zero objectives, and trade-offs with nature and agriculture"

Awards and Prizes



- **Post-graduate Researcher Paper Competition**
 - 6 submissions from UK, Europe and Australia. Winners:
 - Research design and methods – Manon Burbridge, “The Photovoice method as a novel tool to shed light on ‘hidden’ energy poverty: Results and reflections from a participatory project with refugees in Greater Manchester” and Junior Mbangala, “Access to electricity in sub-Saharan Africa’s rural areas: What’s the challenge?”
 - Conceptual contribution – Anna Cain “Caring for technologies, caring for Country”
 - Honourable Mention (Conceptual contribution): Hayato Koga, “Community-based energy governance and the political: Towards a post-foundational energy democracy”

Awards and Prizes



- **Launch of the Activism Award**

- Awarded to Dr Joanna Allan (Associate Professor of Human Geography, Northumbria University) for her academic book *Saharan Winds: Energy Systems and Aeolian Imaginaries in Western Sahara* (2024, West Virginia University Press)

RGS-IBG Annual Conference 2025

- The group is sponsoring X sessions at the RGS-IBG conference
- We had our social meeting last night showcasing creative outputs from energy geography research – and providing an opportunity for an informal catch up and to meet new members



An aerial photograph of a large concrete dam and its reservoir, surrounded by rugged, forested mountains. The image is overlaid with a dark blue, semi-transparent filter. The word "Hustings" is written in a large, white, outlined serif font across the middle of the image.

Hustings

Update on the committee and introducing our nominees
for new committee members

Update on committee membership

- Committee membership – 24 members on our committee in 2025 with roles across most areas identified by the RGS
- 6 committee members have stepped down this year – Chair Catherine Butler; Treasurer Ami Crowther; Awards officer Idalina Baptista; three general committee members Ankit Kumar, Penlope Yaguma, Yuan Feng
- Recruited for Chair role, Treasurer role, Awards role, also opening the invitation for general committee members

Nominee for Chair

Ami Crowther

Research Fellow

Anglia Ruskin University



Nominee for Treasurer

Imogen Rattle

Research Fellow

University of Leeds



Nominee for Awards Coordinator

Pancho Lewis

Research Fellow

Durham University



Other Nominations for Continuation

- We also nominate the reappointment of the following committee members to their current roles:
- Nivedita Singh and Nayani Ghosal (PGR reps)
- Joshua Lait (Communications Officer)
- Llinos Brown and Kurtulus Deger (ECR reps)



Call for General Committee Members

- General committee members contribute to the running of the group providing support for key activities such as the awards and annual conference and help promote the group within the wider energy geographies community. Two general committee members have stepped down – encouraging interest in becoming involved in the group in this way.

An aerial photograph of a large concrete dam with a wide reservoir behind it. A waterfall is visible on the left side of the dam. The surrounding landscape is mountainous with some greenery and rocky terrain. The image is slightly faded to allow text to be read over it.

Future Activities, Plans & Proposals

Open discussion on next years activities, plans and proposals

Activities for 2025/26 – discussion points...



- Sub-committee meeting of the RGS research groups and our annual reporting – slides from today available online
- Annual Conference 2026 – Thoughts about sessions, proposals, Engrg sponsorship or additional support!
- PGR Midterm Conference – encourage submissions/sessions on energy geographies

Activities for 2024/25 – discussion points...



- Awards and Prizes – development of current prizes? Other possible prizes we could develop/you would like to see?
- Chair's Webinar Series – suggestions for the theme for next year? Timing?
- Other ideas for activities – EDI related? Website development updates? Social Media presence?



AOB?

- Any other questions, comments, reflections?
- Slides added to the website soon to serve as our annual report to members
- Remember to check out the webinar presentations, spotlight videos, and all the other resources available for research and teaching.
- Thanks to all committee members for their work this year and continuing to make the energy geographies research group the vibrant active space that it is!