

## "Taps Aff!" Voicing Experiences of Water Scarcity in Rural Scotland

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### Abstract

This creative session will feature audio-visual material including film and photography from the ESRC/ACCESS funded project "Taps Aff!" Voicing Experiences of Water Scarcity in Rural Scotland'.

Water scarcity events are complex environmental crises with far-reaching environmental, social, and economic consequences. However, they have not kept pace with other environmental challenges in terms of attention garnered and particularly attention paid to the specificities of place and the complexity of the social and environmental issues that are catalysts for water scarcity, including those relating to climate change. Despite reference to Scotland as a 'hydro-nation,' many areas of the country now frequently undergo periods of water scarcity. This issue is of growing concern amongst communities and wider stakeholders, but the lived experience of these events is little understood.

This year-long project, running from September 2023 to September 2024, documented these lived-experiences with water scarcity in rural Scotland. Co-produced by communities, the project produced film, image, and audio narratives of water scarcity events as they took place. Alongside this documentation, the project investigated and engaged in opportunities to include this on-the-ground knowledge and experience with water scarcity, in the development of a water scarcity action plan at both the regional and national level.

This session will present stories from the Scottish islands involved in this project. The session will feature a specially curated visual and audio-visual exhibition with the possibility of an online or in-person round-table event involving community members. The content of the session will be tailored to the space, format, and audio-visual resources available at the conference venue and online. A revised plan for the session will be submitted following acceptance of this initial proposal and further discussion with the conference organisers around suitable formats.

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