



Submission guidelines and terms

The Landscape Exchange (LEX) is an online platform to share landscape research and practice, produced by the [Landscape Research Group](#) (LRG). It's an open access resource and searchable smörgåsbord of work from around the world.

LEX is a space for people working with landscape to submit pieces based on your own research, practice, thoughts and ideas, to help support and encourage an inter- and trans-disciplinary approach to current planetary challenges. Sharing your work can help with research impact and reaching new audiences. We are particularly keen to support work which transcends boundaries of disciplines and approaches to landscape, countries or nation states, or academia and practice.

LEX includes podcasts, videos, images and writing, and is a sister space to our peer-reviewed academic journal [Landscape Research](#), published by Taylor & Francis.

LRG members can share work and ideas, learn from, and connect with one another. The content is high quality, relevant to current issues and intentionally more informal, aimed to spark dialogue and collaboration across boundaries.

The content intentionally widens the definition of research, to include radical or unconventional research methods.

Content in LEX may also be featured in the upcoming LEX Magazine, an online multimedia publication of curated content around particular topics.

Members of the Landscape Research Group can submit content to LEX at any time. If you are not a member, [click here to join](#).

Before you submit content, please read through the below and make sure your piece fits the criteria and quality standards we require.

If your piece doesn't fulfil the criteria, we may not publish it.

If it fulfils the criteria but requires further editing or clarification, we will contact you.

All pieces would ideally:

- **Link to at least one of our current research themes:** Landscape justice; Rapid environmental change; Landscape governance; and Critical and creative landscape thinking. [Read more about the themes here.](#)

Alternatively, if the piece(s) doesn't fit the above themes but fulfils the criteria below, select the **'open' theme**.

All pieces must:

- **Be created in plain, simple language**, to be accessible to others outside your immediate field, to help exchange knowledge and raise interest and awareness. Think of audiences who may not have knowledge of academic concepts or acronyms, and include explanations or links/references to these in your piece.
- **Be multi-, inter-, or trans-disciplinary**, i.e., brings together or transcends different disciplines or approaches.
- **Be of interest and relevance to others in other regions or countries.** LRG has members and a community of interest across the world, in places with very different approaches to landscape and facing different challenges. What you do, how you work, and how you see a landscape issue or challenge in your country is likely to be different to others; if appropriate, briefly explaining context would be beneficial.
- **Be future focused.** Our primary aim is to advance landscape research that contributes towards just and sustainable relationships between people and landscapes – rural, urban and maritime. How does your piece advance landscape research or practice?

In addition:

- There is **no limit** to the number of pieces you may submit, as long as the pieces fit the criteria and quality standards we require.
- We currently accept submissions in **English, French, Spanish, Swedish and Arabic**, and plan to expand this over time. If you'd like to submit a piece in a language not listed here, please [contact us](#).

We accept submissions of:

Text (max. 5,000 words, with the expectation that most pieces will be much shorter).

Please lay out your text and images in a Word document and we will replicate it as a webpage. Supporting images should be JPEGs with a guideline max. of 2MB per image.

Audio (MP3; up to 3 files. Guideline file size 10MB.)

Video (YouTube or Vimeo URL link; up to 3 URLs)

Photo essay (JPEGs; up to 12 images, with a guideline max. size of 2MB per image)

PDF files, with accompanying text and image to describe the file. Guideline max. of 20MB.



Support we can offer:

We may be able to offer some support with audio and video production, time-permitting, as we are a very small team.

We can also offer support with linking up members and organisations if needed for a particular piece, for example an audio conversation or video interview.

Intellectual property

The intellectual property (IP) rights of each piece belongs to you, the author, who gives us, the Landscape Research Group (LRG), permission to share your piece on the Landscape Exchange (LEX) platform: <https://lex.landscaperesearch.org>, in LEX Magazine: <https://lex.landscaperesearch.org/magazine/>, and on the associated LRG platforms: the LRG website: <https://landscaperesearch.org/> and our social media.

If we wish to share your piece at an LRG event, or other platform not mentioned here, we will seek your written permission beforehand.

If you share or republish your piece elsewhere, please credit and link to LEX and LRG.

If at a later date you wish to remove your piece(s) from LEX, please let us know in writing.

On submitting a piece:

- You confirm that your submission does not infringe on the intellectual property rights of any other person or entity.
- You confirm that you have obtained written permission for the publication of any material held in copyright by another person or entity.
- Where an individual is identifiable from text, images or other material in your submission, you have obtained written consent from the individual (or from their parent or guardian where appropriate) for the publication of the material.



Image use and credits

We ask that you provide us with full credits for each image you submit, including the title, year, artist/photographer, and caption/description (if applicable). By submitting a piece, you agree that you have obtained all necessary permissions to use the image and credits.

Your data and privacy information (GDPR)

The Landscape Research Group collects author data for your author profile. You can choose what information displays on your author profile, which is accessible to the public. We also retain your basic contact details for contacting you about any pieces you've submitted to LEX, for the duration that your piece is published in LEX, and/or for as long as you remain a member of LRG.

We will never share your data with third parties unless directly related to maintaining LEX and a membership system, in which case we have Non-Disclosure Agreements in place. We will never sell your data to any third party.

For details on what user data we hold for LEX, please see the complete Privacy Policy at: <https://www.iubenda.com/privacy-policy/84995645>

For details on what data we hold for LRG members, please see the complete Privacy Policy at: <https://www.iubenda.com/en/privacy-policy/57479955/>

The policies also detail your Rights as authors and members, and how to exercise your rights, object, and request your data.

For data enquiries, please contact LRG's Data Protection Officer: david.saunders@landscaperesearch.org.

For any other enquiries, please contact LRG's Membership & Communications Manager: sarah.hobbs@landscaperesearch.org.