

Unheard voices: diversity, democracy and inclusion in landscape decision-making

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Landscapes matter profoundly to many people, but they do so in a wide range of often quite personal ways. If multifunctional landscapes are to reflect the diverse ways different individuals and groups relate to and are affected by landscape, we need to attend more closely and carefully to a wider range of hitherto often unheard voices, and to develop more genuinely inclusive, democratic engagement in landscape decision making (and access to landscapes).

Top down 'we know best' policy making has repeatedly failed to produce just or sustainable landscape outcomes. This session will explore both how we might learn to listen better to diverse landscape experiences, needs and priorities and how this could be more effectively embedded in landscape decision-making policy and practice.

If you would like to contribute to the session, please submit your abstract by 30 June 2023. You will find the session listed under the 'full paper' heading.