

Call for contributions

We are inviting proposals for contributions to Enough!'s session at the [7TH INTERNATIONAL DEGROWTH / 16TH INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS JOINT CONFERENCE](#): Building Alternative Livelihoods in times of ecological and political crisis

The Scottish Degrowth Commission

We invite contributors based in Scotland, or with a close connection to Scotland, to submit 500 word abstracts to info@enough.scot by April 10.

Session conveners: Svenja Meyerricks and Mairi McFadyen, [Enough! Scotland](#)

Bursaries available: When submitting your abstract, please indicate if you would like Enough! Scotland to cover overland travel from Scotland/ within the UK, accommodation and conference fees to attend the Manchester conference.

Abstract:

The Scottish Government's '[Sustainable Growth Commission](#)' calls for an "inter-generational economic renaissance", but starts from the impossible premise that economic growth can be made sustainable. In a direct challenge to the orthodoxy of growth at all costs, the Scottish Degrowth Commission is seeking to spread of the concepts of degrowth, deep adaptation and related ideas and explore what they would mean in a Scottish context. We invite presenters to become Degrowth Commissioners by *realistically* assessing projections for Scotland's social, political and economic future. In this session, we argue that in order to mobilise resources required to respond to the climate emergency according to principles of social and environmental justice, livelihoods will need to be reconfigured under different potential governance scenarios, taking into account Brexit and the case for Scottish independence.

We invite contributions around the following topics:

- Degrowth livelihoods and Just Transitions in Scotland
- The Scottish independence movement and lessons for degrowth: What have we learned? What's left to learn?

- Don't make Scotland 'great again' - make it good enough!
- Indigenous livelihoods and post-development in Scotland: crofting, food security and appropriate technology
- Migration, Scottish identities and decolonisation in the context of socio-environmental breakdown
- Degrowth responses to Brexit in Scotland
- Decentralisation, bioregionalism, political autonomy and degrowth in Scotland
- Degrowth and the Glasgow Effect: learning from post-industrial communities

Format:

Our session will have up to three presentations followed by an in-depth discussion with presenters and audience. These can be academic papers, but we encourage presenters to experiment and also encourage poetry, visual and creative formats.

Presenters will be invited to also contribute to [our budding journal *Less*](#) or COP26 alternative events happening in Glasgow.

About Enough! Scotland:

Since April 2018 a group of nine individuals from across Scotland who are connected into different forms of activism and social change have been meeting to develop project ideas in response to the frames of Degrowth and Deep Adaptation. Through our various strands of work, we seek to strategically build relationships with and between groups and individuals who are explicitly challenging and exploring alternatives to capitalism, focused on issues of equity and oppression and/or who are environmentally focused in order to help demonstrate and make as visible as possible the interconnected nature of all these challenges. You can read more about us [on our website](#).

Relevant reading:

- Enough! Positioning Statement: <https://enough.scot/positioning-statement/>
- Enough! Degrowth Commission: <https://enough.scot/degrowth-commission/>
- An Economy for Scotland That's Better Than Growth? by Katherine Trebeck <https://enough.scot/2019/06/30/an-economy-for-scotland-thats-better-than-growth/>
- Trebeck K and Williams J, 2019. *The Economics of Arrival*. [Bristol, Policy Press](#)