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# Filmmaker Call Out

## De-Commissioning Fawley Power Station

### Decommissioning the 20th Century: Energy Landscapes, Heritage, and Community.

We seek to commission a creative documentary filmmaker to tell the story of the decommissioning and demolition of Fawley Power Station and its transition into a housing development. This is part of a wider project which looks at the impact of decarbonised our energy industry on the communities affected by these changes, and asks what processes might be put in place in other locations as we move towards cleaner energy. There are parallel projects at West Burton, Gainsborough, and at Chatterley Whitfield, Stoke on Trent.

#### Background:

*De-Commissioning the 20th Century* is a project to investigate the complex challenges of decommissioning of the UK's vast 20th-century energy infrastructure.

We will look at three sites and communities at different stages of decommissioning: Chatterley-Whitfield colliery ceased production in the 1970's, and Fawley was an oil-powered power plant, and West Burton is one of the last coal-fired stations in the UK and will cease production in 2022. We are interested in significant landscape changes, and the social and cultural values that influence how decisions are made around these locations as they evolve into heritage sites.

The target for the whole project is to develop a policy paper on how communities can co-produce effective heritage planning, which will enable community and heritage groups and other stakeholders to develop a legacy of effective and resilient networks around decommissioned sites.





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## Location:

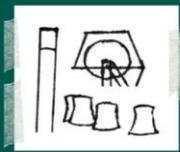
### Fawley power station, Hampshire

The Fawley site, on the banks of Southampton Water, is an active example of recent decommissioning. The 1947 oil refinery was followed by the power station in 1971, whose iconic chimney is used for navigation by nearby sailors. In 2013, the EU Large Combustion Plant Directive ensured the power station was closed; in May 2019, its new owner submitted planning applications for ambitious and controversial business and residential complexes. Fawley's lifecycle highlights the challenges and opportunities bequeathed by the decommissioning of 20th-century energy landscapes. Rural property brought into public ownership for industrial use is now a large brownfield site open to private investment. By facilitating the engagement of the New Forest Association with Chatterley-Whitfield and West Burton communities, the project will enable the NFA to encounter new ways of responding to heritage questions, particularly through arts-based and story-telling practices, and develop a more inclusive local and national purpose.



Photo by Gillian Thomas <https://flic.kr/p/5HuX9v>





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## Partners:

Friends of the New Forest

Prof. Matthew Kelly (University of Northumbria)

## Film Brief:

### What is the purpose the film?

To document the moment of transition, to act as an oral and visual archive of voices connected to the power station, and to interrogate the theoretical processes of transition. The target audiences are resident communities around Fawley whose lives will be impacted by the decommissioning, and a national level network of heritage organisations.

### How will the film be used?

- The film will be screened to the community in the New Forest and Fawley.
- The film will be published online and promoted to a range of communities of interest, many of whom may have contributed to the film.
- The film will be included in an exhibition later in the wider project 2022 – 23.
- Lower resolution versions might be required for easier file sharing, and fragments/ teasers of around 30 seconds for social media will be required.
- There should be subtitled versions of the film and any shorts/trailers
- Copyright will remain with the filmmaker but the partners and commissioners will have a license to use, share, embed the film indefinitely
- The filmmaker will have the right to enter the finished film into competitions and festivals





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## Key points to consider:

- Your working methods will need to be Covid safe
- You will have responsibility for the location and interview schedule and managing community connections.
- While the artist retains copyright, Urban Wilderness CIC and Keele University will have a license to use the film for non-commercial purposes.

## Dates:

Deadline for application - **Monday 31st May 2021**

Shortlisted applicants notified - **Wednesday 2nd June 2021**

Interviews - **Monday 14th June 2021**

Final selection and appointment - mid-June 2021

Project start - **Mid June 2021**

Stakeholder workshop with academics and experts (one day) - June/July 2021 (tbc)

'First Cut' film available - Mid August 2021 (eight weeks from start)

Filming of Fawley tower demolition - expected October 2021

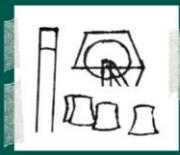
Final film - November 2021

## Budget:

**£5,500**

Including all filming, post-production, materials, community engagement and attendance at meetings and academic workshop (see schedule for meetings)





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## How to apply:

To apply please submit a proposal that outlines:

- Why you are interested in the project
- Three examples of past work/ projects that you think demonstrate how your practice fits this brief
- Proposal of initial film concept
- Budget breakdown
- CV

Please send your proposal as one document, ideally a PDF, around 1000 words (CV not included in word count)

## Process:

We will invite shortlisted filmmakers for an interview. This will be online with Laurel Gallagher, Isla Telford and Jenny Harper from Urban Wilderness.

## Deadline:

Please email all applications to [info@urbanwildernesscic.com](mailto:info@urbanwildernesscic.com) by 5.00pm on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021.

## Interview:

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

## Links:

Urban Wilderness [www.urbanwildernesscic.com](http://www.urbanwildernesscic.com)

Project Website [www.chatterleywhitfield.online](http://www.chatterleywhitfield.online)

Friends of the New Forest [Friends of the New Forest \(newforestassociation.org\)](http://Friends of the New Forest (newforestassociation.org))

Chatterley Whitfield [Chatterleywhitfieldfriends.org.uk](http://Chatterleywhitfieldfriends.org.uk)

