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ON FUTURE'S EDGE
TALES FROM THE SMART ENERGY ISLANDS OF ORKNEY



CONNECTING THROUGH ELECTRICITY

CONNECTING THE ENERGY EDGE AND THE PRECARIOUS EDGE



IT'S HARD TO CARE FOR ENERGY

WELL MAYBE NOT AT ORKNEY! ENERGY BECOMES VISIBLE IN BREAKDOWN



13th OERC AND OCCNET ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE SYMPOSIUM 2019

IN ORKNEY ENERGY IS SOCIAL THEY TALK ABOUT IT!

RUSTY CABLE!

BUT WHO PAYS FOR ALL THE ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE IN ORKNEY? €

WHO'S PAYING FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE IN SUCH A HARD AND ON THE EDGE ENVIRONMENT?

LIVING IN ORKNEY IS HARD

THE ISLAND PRODUCES ENERGY FROM WAVE AND WIND GENERATORS

THE CABLE!

IT'S NOT ONLY INFRASTRUCTURE IT'S ALSO CULTURE



WHEN LIGHT GO'S OUT PEOPLE FIGURE OUT



THEY JUST WARE AN EXTRA JUMPER

PEOPLE FEEL THE WEATHER

WHEN INFRASTRUCTURES FAIL IN ORKNEY THINGS JUST GO'S ON.

NO ZOMBIES OR PANIC

AGENCY

WHO'S ENERGY?

ENERGY IS POLITICAL

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ORKNEY IS THE FUTURE?



JUST EXTRA JUMPERS AND MORE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



WET AND COLD

THE ISLANDERS AND THE GRID ARE INTANGLED

PRECARIOUSNESS CAN BE AN OPORUNITY

BUT WHAT ABOUT HEALTH, QUALITY OF LIFE, ...?

I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO LIVE HERE?

IT'S AND VISIBLE TANGLEBLE

I'M STAYING HERE NO MATER WHAT

SO I'LL MAKE IT MY FUTURE

WHY DO THOSE HUMANS STILL LIVE ON THAT ISLAND?

CULTURAL BELONGING GIVES MEAN

ORKNEY IS THE FUTURE!

