Like the River Tyne in this twelfth century illumination of Bede’s Life of St Cuthbert, environmental-historical narratives both must be contained within the confines of the page yet cannot help but flow out, escaping the borders we place between times and places. Taking inspiration from this, The Northern Environmental History Network will focus its autumn and winter online seminars around the theme of ‘Fluid Histories’. As well as welcoming proposals on all areas of Environmental History, we are especially interested in papers that speak to the theme of ‘Fluid Histories’ from scholars of all career stages working on all regions and periods.

Papers on ‘Fluid Histories’ may discuss topics that include:

- Pourable resources and commodities: Water (history), Oils (Mineral and otherwise), Dairy products, viniculture and brewing
- Flowing landscapes and ecosystems: Rivers and seas, sand-dunes and estuaries, mires and peatlands, wetlands and ice
- Fluid concepts and ideas: Queering landscapes and environmental histories, crossing disciplinary boundaries, mobility and travel, transgress[ed/ing] boundaries between human and nonhuman, perceived connections between ecosystems and peoples, blue humanities

Papers that flow between and outwith these categories are very much welcomed.

Seminars occur monthly at a time arranged between the seminar co-ordinator and the speaker between August and December.

Please send an abstract [300 words] for a 30-50 minute paper and a short biography [100 words] to the seminar co-ordinator, Gwenffrewi Morgan (gjm24@st-andrews.ac.uk) by the 31st of May 2024 with ‘NEHN’ in the subject line.