

Intragenerational knowledge, ecological literacy and forest habitus in local community mobilization against wildfires in Sweden 2018

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Focusing on the local level in three villages severely affected by the large and numerous wildfires in Sweden in 2018, this paper examines the importance of cultural heritage and local knowledge (social and ecological) in transgenerational knowledge creating a specific "forest habitus", important but not always acknowledged in forest fires, by the managerial parts. Drawing on a theoretical framework from community resilience and environmental justice, the empirical analysis reveals power relations that may hinder preparedness for future crises. Who gets the responsibility? Who gets paid? What does it mean to be working without money and how is this related to place and knowledge? For a more detailed discussion, see Vallström (2026) Resilient communities – mobilisation of rural skills, networks and resources in local responses to wildfires in Sweden 2018. *Journal of Rural Studies* 123, pp. 1-9.

