



DRAFT PROGRAMME: 6TH – 8TH OCTOBER

Thursday 6th October

8.30am Visits to local projects. Choose from our programme of visits here:

<http://www.scottishruralparliament.org.uk/visits-to-local-projects/>

12noon Munch on local produce for lunch and get your seat for the opening ceremony!

1pm Opening ceremony including:

Keynote address from the Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy & Connectivity Fergus Ewing MSP and Q&A (submit your questions in advance here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/srp16questions>)

A note from Europe, Staffan Nilsson, former chair of European Economic & Social Committee

Welcome from Martin Dorchester, Chief Executive, Caledonian MacBrayne

3pm Workshops on key themes from the Manifesto for rural Scotland, including: Arts & culture; Business; Digital connectivity; Democracy & governance; Environment; Food; Land; Transport.

5.30pm Market place dinner & Exhibition

6pm Fringe workshops including: Act like you own the place workshop with Lesley Riddoch; The future of community councils in Scotland; An introduction to participatory budgeting; Scottish Island's Federation.

Friday 7th October

9.15am Open space workshop – you set the agenda

12.30pm Munch on local produce for lunch!

1.30pm Workshops on key themes – action planning

2.30pm Agreeing our Manifesto for rural Scotland

4.30pm Closing ceremony

7.30pm Dinner & dance

Saturday 8th October – open to the general public as well as participants in the Rural Parliament

9.15am Impact of leaving the EU on rural Scotland: A panel discussion and debate

11am Parallel activities:

Exhibition (11am – 4pm)

Fringe workshops (11am – 4pm) including Scripts on land reform, Scotland; Act like you own the place workshop with Lesley Riddoch; Person-centered services in rural locations; Youth theatre practice.

Programme of visits (11am – 5pm). Choose from our programme of visits here:

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With thanks to:

