

Fringe Events

Thursday 6th October

Title	About	Start	Finish
Scoping a vision for the uplands	<p>As part of the scoping process it will be important to obtain the views of key stakeholders. Some key questions to consider are listed below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where are the uplands? What broad characteristics should we use to define the uplands? 2. What benefits do the uplands provide to Scotland? What are the key social, economic and environmental benefits that the uplands provide for Scotland? 3. How can upland land use help to prevent or reduce the impacts of climate change? 4. What should an upland vision include? A strategic vision could inform decisions about the balance between different land uses in different parts of the uplands. What are the key choices that an upland vision should address, and why? 5. Are there any other topics or issues that should be included in an upland vision, and if so why? 6. Are there any topics or issues that should be excluded from an upland vision, and if so why? 7. How should the vision be developed? Which stakeholders do you think it would be particularly important to involve, and how? Would particular approaches be needed, for example, to reach particular groups? 8. What are your views on the process that might be needed to bring together the key interests and develop a shared vision? 9. Who would be best placed to lead this process? 10. What form should a vision for the uplands take (visual or descriptive, maps, diagrams or text)? 	18:00	19:00
Scottish Islands Federation	<p>We warmly welcome all those with an interest in the islands to come along, meet us, and share your thoughts and ideas on some island topics. For example, we would welcome your views on island proofing as this will be part of the forthcoming Island Bill.</p>	18:00	19:00
Support To Engage Programme (STEP)	<p>STEP – Support To Engage Programme is a Big Lottery Funded programme developed to create a bridge between economically & socially disadvantaged residents from East Ayrshire’s rural communities WITH the available employability opportunities and job seeking services currently being delivered but located within the urban conurbations our local authority area.</p> <p>STEP is well anchored within our rural communities and this can be attributed to several factors - STEP staff are based in the community and use the community as our base for engagement, we meet potential clients in the streets, in local shops, at local groups and we offer our help going door to door (OutReach). Our interaction and engagement with potential clients is personal and on-going, walking the streets talking to residents, meeting up in local cafes, community centres etc. and most importantly we listen informally to local issues and offer support to access the help that is necessary and for a specific need.</p> <p>We have worked hard to build an effective network of partner organisations who are very happy to work alongside us, knowing that we can help facilitate a better understanding of the issues, personally support clients meeting organisations for the first time and help bring about clearer, more focused dialogue. By building this trust and by supporting clients through not one but potentially several support organisations, each tackling an identified need, we create a holistic “tied in” approach, giving clients a sense of security and continuity, removing barriers and allowing clients to get to a point where they are able and motivated to tackle issues and move forward to a more positive future.</p>	18:00	19:00

Rural churches - here to listen; here to care	How can rural churches help in community well-being: come and share your ideas.	18:00	19:00
Nourish	How can food legislation best serve rural Scotland? A Good Food Nation Bill will be developed by the Scottish Government and Parliament in 2017. Cabinet Secretary Fergus Ewing announced that the Bill will cut across health, food standards, waste, social justice, agriculture, education and procurement. At this fringe event, Nourish Director Pete Ritchie will present his vision for the Bill, and engage in discussions with participants about the stakes and opportunities for rural Scotland. Can the Good Food Nation Bill revive Scotland's local economies? Can this Bill bring us closer to a Scotland in which every person is well nourished, those who produce our food prosper, and the natural environment is thriving? Join us on Thursday evening to hear our vision and share your views and ideas.	18:00	19:00
Act Like You Own the Place	The launch of the #OurDemocracy campaign	18:00	19:30
Rural Innovator Award Presentations Group 1	Cosy Homes East Sutherland Scheme, Rockfield Centre Oban & The Food Life present their award-winning projects.	18:00	19:00
Rural Innovator Award Presentations Group 2	Mull & Iona Sustainable Transport, Bùth Bharraigh Ltd and Lothian Broadband Networks Ltd present their award-winning projects.	18:00	19:00
The Land Based Sector in NE Scotland - Facing the Future	Presentation of the results of a recently completed study into the future of the Land Based Sectors in NE Scotland. This study covered Angus, Aberdeenshire and Moray. It tracks the trends in agriculture, other land based sectors and the rural economy from 2007 to 2015, compares this to previous trends, analyses reasons for change and then looks ahead to how the rural sectors may change over the medium and long term. Recommendations for action are made for the funding organisations. The study involved statistical analyses, economic modelling, surveys, scenario planning workshops and is illustrated with case studies. The study was produced for NESAG (North East Scotland Agricultural Advisory Group) and funded by Aberdeenshire Council, Angus Council, Moray Council, Scottish Enterprise, HIE Moray and Forestry Commission Scotland. The workshop will include a short presentation of key points and an open discussion.	18:00	20:00
How to make planning work better for people and places:	Planning Democracy campaign for a fair and inclusive planning system in Scotland and are currently working hard to get the People's Voice in planning heard. This workshop explores how to ensure that the decisions made about where to put developments such as housing, windfarms, schools and so on are fair and meaningfully involve the communities they affect. The workshop will cover what is happening in the Scottish Government's new Planning White Paper, how it will affect the way planning is done and what it does (or does not) do to address current inequalities in planning.	19:15	20:15
How the LEADER Approach can be used for Rural Development in a changing policy landscape.	A discussion Workshop to develop ideas for Rural Development in the future using the LEADER Approach	19:15	20:15

The challenges and opportunities for villages and small towns.	Looking for examples of good practice and obstacles.	19:15	20:15
Rural Innovator Awards Presentations Group 3	Dynamic Dance, Sleat Community Council and Inspired by Autism present their award-winning projects.	19:15	20:15
Transport Scotland ERDF Low Carbon Travel and Transport Programme (LCTT)	To provide information to interested groups on ERDF funding secured by Transport Scotland to delivery active travel and low carbon hubs. Eligible organisations (public sector, third sector, community organisations) will have the opportunity to apply for funding through a Challenge Fund. One of the requirements will be that organisations will need to identify and provide match funding.	19:15	20:15
Scottish Government Consultation on Social Security	With powers over a number of social security benefits being transferred to the Scottish Parliament as part of the Scotland Act 2016, the Scottish Government has launched a consultation on the Scottish approach to social security. We're here to tell you more about the consultation and listen to your views.	19:15	20:15
Would Annual Ground Rent benefit the rural economy?	A model for Annual Ground Rent slide show presentation and how that may impact on the Scottish economy in general and the rural economy in particular.	19:15	20:15
The Secret of Seaweed in the Kitchen	https://www.thegoodlifeexperience.co.uk/news/fiona-bird-seaweed-forager/	19:15	20:15
'Migration and settlement in rural Scotland: SSAMIS project research results'	Presentation and open discussion the SSAMIS (Social Security and Migration in Scotland) project research results related to the challenges faced by migrants living in rural areas. SSAMIS is a joint project between the University of Glasgow and University of Swansea and focuses on everyday experiences of migrants from Central and Eastern Europe living in urban and rural areas of Scotland, and how these affect their intentions regarding settlement.	19:15	20:15
Want good food available locally for all?	We have the best larder, yet too little is consumed here. The food system is in crisis. We want to build an alternative locally that better meets needs. The Food Life is a group of farmers, fisher men and women, food truck owners, food retailers, cafe owners and chefs from Angus who have got together to make a difference to our food culture. We want local people to help shape our plan so if you have an opinion or interest in food please come along and give us your views so we can plan the next stage. If you are any part of the food supply chain with an interest in supplying local then please come along. We want to work together to set the priorities and share the work needed.	19:15	20:15
Speed Networking	An opportunity to quickly meet other people attending the event!	19:15	20:15
SRA Governance Discussion	With Amanda Burgauer, Chair of Scottish Rural Action	21:00	22:00

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The Secret of Seaweed in the Kitchen	https://www.thegoodlifeexperience.co.uk/news/fiona-bird-seaweed-forager/	11:00	12:00
Priorities for Scotland's Rural Youth	<p>During this one-hour session, rural youth will have the opportunity to discuss their priorities for the future in an open safe space. With "Young People" a key feature in the Manifesto for Rural Scotland, what do young people need to ensure rural places become more attractive or enjoyable to live. Whether it is lack of housing, poor connectivity, development of health services or access to land all topics will be welcomed. A list of priorities will then be produced to pass on to the keys decision makers in Scotland, providing a collective voice for rural youth at the Scottish Rural Parliament 2016.</p> <p>The session will be facilitated by Scotland's largest rural youth organisation the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs and is open to any young person in Scotland. Those working or supporting youth organisations are also welcome to attend but contributions should primarily come from rural youth.</p>	11:00	12:00
Scripts on Land Reform, Scotland.	<p>'In the making of the film I first cast myself, then the interviewees, and now the viewer, in the role of researcher. We ask – what are the most important issues? Whose voice is the most important? How many people should we listen to? Whose voice is whose?' - Pam van de Brug</p> <p>Scripts on land reform (Scotland) is an enquiry into the methods employed by researchers to communicate the narratives and conflicts associated with contemporary land use and land reform in Scotland. One of the outcomes is an 18-minute film which aims to generate conversation and contemplation on many of the important themes the film contains. As the debate on Scottish land management continues the intention is to show the work widely. Pam made the film as part of her masters course in Exhibition Design at Edinburgh Napier University. Throughout the process she met with researchers at the Centre for Mountain Studies at Perth College, University of the Highlands and Islands. Researchers provided access to their work, guidance on the themes of land management and took part in creative experiments. Following an introduction, the film will be screened then Pam will be joined by Scott Herrett, one of the researchers for a Q&A.</p>	11:00	12:00
Rural Wisdom - Making Rural Communities Work Better For Older People	<p>We are leading the Scottish branch of a new project to make rural areas work better for older people, alongside partners Volunteering Matters Cymru and the National Development Team for inclusion. There are other initiatives in the UK and further afield which promote communities that work well for older people, however the focus for these tends to be in towns and cities. Through this project we will be having conversations about the challenges older people face within our rural communities and develop ways to find solutions and create opportunities for shared learning. We would like to use this workshop as a chance to engage with those living and working in Scotland's rural areas with the project, share what we've been doing and use it as a way to shape its development. The workshop will mainly involve interactive discussion with participants.</p>	11:00	13:00
Women and the Distribution of Land	<p>Discussion, exploration and sharing ideas with a view to building a campaign.</p>	12:15	13:15
Dare to Dream	<p>TRACS and the Scottish Storytelling Centre are developing a project as part of the year of innovation, Architecture and Design 2016. Dare to Dream is a collective art of dreaming a better future. "From 1st September to the 30th November 2016, The Scottish International Storytelling Festival invites you all as creative citizens to join us in the collective act of dreaming a better</p>	12:15	13:15

	future. Which stories do you want to take with you, and which stories do you want to leave behind? What stories would you tell to the world today, from the future of your dreams?"		
'A model for evidence-based community-building? Plans for Angus Community Café'	The findings of the SSAMIS project point to a huge need for community-building initiatives across Scotland, and in rural areas in particular. In this workshop we would like to invite you to share your thoughts on our Community Café idea and help us develop it further!	12:15	14:15
Angus LEADER - rural project development-support and funding	Opportunities to fund your rural development project in Angus - for businesses, communities and agencies.	12:15	13:15
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Youth Theatre In Scotland	According to a recent sector mapping report, there are currently 253 youth theatre groups in existence and actively engaging with young people throughout rural Scotland. These groups provide young people with a place to connect and socialise with others, develop creative and transferable skills and explore their place in the world. Join Youth Theatre Arts Scotland in a creative conversation about innovative youth theatre practice in rural areas. This is a chance to consider the strengths, challenges and opportunities unique to / found in a rural context and discuss how these can be addressed to ensure rural youth theatres are fully included in the development of a robust and sustainable youth theatre sector in Scotland as a whole.	13:30	15:30
Helping people to live at home in rural Angus	Come and see how we in Angus are responding to some of the challenges, particularly faced by older people, associated with living in our rural communities. Learn about how we have implemented enhanced community support to help people to live independently in their own homes for longer and reduce hospital admissions. We will talk about how we support people living with dementia and how we help people to overcome loneliness and social isolation. We will also share our approaches to involving rural communities to actively participate in planning services and shaping local decisions	13:30	14:30
Do Community Councils have a future?	A workshop to explore what future there is for Scottish Community Councils? Should they, as Lesley Riddoch suggests, just be "put out of their misery" and if so, what would we replace them with, if anything? Alternatively, can they be turned around like Skoda Cars were by Volkswagen? The children (Community Councils) are not the problem, it is their unsupportive parents (Scottish Government and Regional Councils) that have caused this problem?	13:30	14:30
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Person centred services in rural locations	Person centred services in rural locations - how do we create them?	14:45	15:45
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