



Scottish Rural Parliament

Key-theme workshops

Key theme workshops take place on Thursday at 3.15 and 4.30pm. Some workshops run twice, but others only run once. We encourage people to attend two different workshops. On Friday afternoon there will be an opportunity to attend one of the key-theme workshops for a more in-depth action-planning session.

3.15pm workshops

Title	Speakers
Recognising the benefits of arts & culture: How do we better understand and promote the value?	John Cairns, Voluntary Arts Scotland; Jo McLean, The Touring Network
Ensuring micro-med businesses thrive: What enterprise support is needed, where and who should provide it?	Jackie Brierton, GrowBiz; Maggie Gordon, Scottish Rural Action; Karen Halford, Scottish Government
How do we reach 100%?	Amanda Burgauer, Scottish Rural Action; Robbie McGhee & Debbie Wilson, Digital Scotland
5G spectrum sell-off: Getting the best deal for rural Scot.	Scottish Futures Trust; Calum Kerr, MP, SNP Environment and Rural Affairs spokesperson in the House of Commons
Building capacity in rural communities.	Murray Ferguson, Cairngorms National Park; Sandy Brunton, Scottish Rural Action; Anne Sobey, Loch Lomond.
Community councils: agreeing our position on the future and powers of community councils.	Gordon Methven, Joint Community Councils of Moray; Andi Holmes, St John's Town of Dalry Community Council; Laura Mulheron, Scottish Government
Local Democracy - how should it work and what can you do about it?	Willie Sullivan, Electoral Reform Society
What can we do to keep people in our rural communities and encourage others to move here?	Robin McAlpine, Common Weal; Graeme Beale, Scottish Government
What should the decision-making structures be for energy schemes to gain permission to build?	Bill & Lorraine Frew, Canonbie Residents Association; James Buchan & Lucia Sujanova, Local Energy Scotland
Pushing for smaller processing facilities; barriers and solutions	Anne Thomson, Managing Director Ella Drinks Ltd; John Davidson, Scottish Government
Attracting and retaining health & education staff in rural Scotland	Dr Hamish D Greig, Rural GP; David Roy, Scottish Government

Mental health services: improving services in rural communities	Elliot Meador, SRUC; Ed Orr, Scottish Government; Frances Simpson of Support in Mind Scotland
Delivering affordable rural housing: what needs to change?	Derek Logie, Rural Housing Scotland; Jo McDowell, Scottish Government
Land reform: Next steps	Robin Callander; Lindsay Chalmers, Community Land Scotland
Land use and management: working together	Dr Derek Robeson MCIEEM CEnv, Tweed Forum
Tackling poverty in rural Scotland	Jill Morton, Scottish Government
How do we make rural policing visible, transparent and accountable?	Jane Donaldson, Police Scotland
What are the priorities for the rural communities to be fed into the National Transport Strategy?	Heather Cowan, Transport Scotland; Roland Stiven, Timber Transport forum

4.30pm Workshop

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Improving business - education links	Claire Gammie, Developing Young Workforce Dundee & Angus; Katherine McNab, Scottish Government
Balancing conservation and human interaction with the environment	Lee Haxton, Cairngorms National Park; TBC from Scottish Natural Heritage
Joined-up/framework legislation on food, farming and health	Pete Ritchie, Nourish; Joanna Boyle, Scottish Government

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Making planning work for housing: what needs to change?	Derek Logie, Rural Housing Scotland; Jo McDowell, Scottish Government
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What can we do to increase the benefits from tourism for rural areas?	Scottish Tourism Alliance, Marc Crothall; Graeme MacFarlan, Caledonian MacBrayne
Prosperous towns; what we can do, what are the priorities for others	Muriel Mackenzie, Scottish Government
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