

BRECHIN 6th – 8th OCTOBER 2016

EVENT PROGRAMME

Thursday 6th October

Casual dress – if you are on visits or attending fringe events, sensible shoes and waterproofs are advisable!

Time	Activity	Details	Venue
7.30am	Registration	Please report to the registration desk when you arrive, situated in the main entrance hall	Entrance
	Visits to local projects	Visits need to be pre-booked; please contact us if you do not know which visit you have booked on	
12 noon	Lunch (if pre-booked) & Registration	Buffet lunch provided. Please register when you arrive	Entrance/ Sports Hall
1pm	Opening ceremony	Welcome speech - Chair of Scottish Rural Action, the body responsible for organising the Scottish Rural Parliament, Amanda Burgauer	Sports Hall
		Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity, Fergus Ewing. Welcome and Q&A (pre-submitted questions only)	
		Welcome from Angus Depute Provost	
		Welcome from Martin Dorchester, CalMac	
		Manifesto events film	
	Update on the Rural Parliament and programme for the event from Emma Cooper, National Coordinator		
3pm	Refreshments		Atrium
3.15pm	Workshops on Key Themes	There will be 23 different workshops, details of which can be found in your delegate pack. Some workshops run once this afternoon and some run twice. Please ensure you have pre-booked your workshop place at registration when you arrive	Classrooms
4.15pm	Break		Atrium
4.30pm	Workshops on Key Themes	The second opportunity to participate in one of our many key-theme workshops	Classrooms

5.30pm	Dinner, exhibitions & entertainment	Buffet dinner served until 8pm. Bar open 6-10pm. Opportunity to network, view the exhibition and attend fringe events	Atrium
6pm	Fringe events	Fringe events start! Most fringe events last 1 hour and you are free to attend as many or as few as you want. Planner available on arrival	Classrooms
7.15pm	Fringe events	Further fringe events	Classrooms
7.15pm	Governance of SRA	A discussion about the Governance of Scottish Rural Action: What happens next?	Classroom
8.30pm	Rural Innovators Awards	Presentation of certificates for the winners of our Rural Innovators Awards!	Atrium
9pm	Buses	Last buses leave to Montrose and Edzell	Carpark
10pm	Finish	Head home and get a good nights sleep!	

Friday 7th October

Casual dress during daytime. Dinner today is a chance to dress-up.

Time	Activity	Details	Venue
9am	Registration and arrival	Please arrive in plenty of time to take your seat for the Open Space	Entrance
9.15am	Open Space Introduction	Any participant can propose an agenda item and others can choose to join them in discussing their item	Sports Hall
10.15am	Open Space session 1	Your chance to meet and discuss the topics chosen by participants	Sports Hall
11.05am	Refreshments & exhibition	Tea, coffee and cake (of course!)	Atrium
11.20am	Open Space session 2	Your chance to meet and discuss the topics chosen by participants	Sports Hall
12.10pm	Open Space summary	Reporting back from the Open Space sessions	Sports Hall
12.30pm	Lunch & exhibition	Lunch and exhibition open	Atrium
2pm	Action Planning Workshop	There will be an action planning workshop on each of the 23 topics discussed on Thursday. Please ensure you	Classrooms
3pm	Manifesto plenary	Agreeing our Manifesto for rural Scotland	Sports Hall
5pm	Closing Ceremony	Closing remarks	Sports Hall
5.30pm	Free time	Feel free to hang-out at the campus or head home for some rest or to get your glad-rags on ready for dinner	
7.30pm	Celebration dinner and dance	Enjoy a delicious and locally-sourced three-course meal and music by the Sinderins!	Sports Hall
Midnight	Finish	Head home for a well-deserved rest	

Saturday 8th November

Casual dress. Today's activities are open to the general public as well as participants in the Rural Parliament. Outdoor clothes and sensible shoes are suggested for those heading out on a visit!

Time	Activity	Details	Venue
9.00am – 10.45am	Brexit Debate	What challenges and opportunities do you see for rural Scotland as the UK prepares to exit the EU; how do we make the most of the opportunities and mitigate the challenges? A panel debate chaired by Ruth Wishart with Gerald Banks, Treasurer for NFU Scotland, Lewis MacDonald Labour MSP for Aberdeen & North East, Cllr Mairi Evans SNP MSP for Angus North and Mearns and Peter Chapman MSP, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity for the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	Theatre
11am	Exhibition open	Your last chance to visit our fabulous exhibitors stands, open on the final day to the public	Atrium
11am	Visits leave	Please check your delegate pack for details of visits. Register for these in the BCC Entrance Hall, and assemble in the car park to be bussed to your selected visit	Carpark
11am	Fringe events start	Take part in some of our fabulous fringe events, from 11.15 until 3.45pm. More details can be found on arrival in the fringe event programme	Classrooms
4pm	Home time!	We hope all participants have a safe and pleasant journey home	