



Stranraer, Dumfries & Galloway

Taking Action

14-16 November 2018

Dress code: Casual please!

Wednesday 14th November

09:00 Registration opens (until 19:00)

Ryan Centre

Visits to inspiring projects in Dumfries and Galloway including:

Mull of Galloway Experience and Logan Botanic Gardens (10:00 – 15:45)

Portpatrick and Crafty Gin Distillery (13:10 – 17:00)

Whithorn Timescape Roundhouse and The Book Shop, Wigtown (09:30 – 16:00)

Town Tour of Stranraer (13:30 – 15:00)

12:30 Lunch and exhibition:

Games Hall

You are invited to a light lunch and to meet our 40 exhibitors.

13:10 Fringe programme – A diverse series of workshops, discussions and presentations hosted by participants in the event. Full programme available at the event. Includes:

13:10 – 15:30

Film programme

Drop in any-time for a rolling programme of short and longer films on rural Scotland, rural development and anything else we found interesting! Includes a showing of #NationNorway – one of a series of films about Scotland's successful wee European neighbours by Phantom Power Films and Lesley Riddoch that will help us understand about other small Northern countries and why they are doing so well from 13:10-13:55.

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Climate Change*with Gill Hay*

A drop-in session you can pop along to at any time, exploring what Climate Change will mean for rural Scotland and what we need to do to address and reduce the impacts. We will submit the resulting statement to the Scottish Rural Parliament on Thursday afternoon as an addition to the Manifesto for rural Scotland.

13:10 – 14:10**The challenges of supporting the long-term resettling of refugee families in rural areas***with Carolyn Yates*

In recent years the Scottish Government has welcomed refugees to both urban and rural areas. However, in rural areas we face not only the same challenges for any resettling families anywhere, but the added complexity of the difficulties rural communities themselves face in modern Scotland. How can we encourage families to invest in their future in rural Scotland when urban areas offer them so much more in terms of cultural diversity in schools and communities, opportunities to integrate and better infrastructure, such as broadband speed, transport and access to further and higher education? This is an open discussion to share experiences and ideas.

13:30 – 15:30**A Celebration of 25 Years of Scottish LEADER***with Peter Ross, Chair of LEADER Chairs*

A facilitated discussion with the Local action Group Chairs about past successes and suggestions for the future open to all.

Brexit: What does it mean for the rural third sector in Scotland?*with Third Sector Dumfries & Galloway*

Deal or no deal, Brexit WILL have an impact on the sector! Take your opportunity to raise points, ask questions and listen to others' views. TSD&G will ensure that a summary of the issues raised at the event is put to the Secretary of State for Scotland and the First Minister.

GPs - how to get them and how to keep them*with Scottish Rural Medicine Collaborative and NHS Scotland*

Find out how you can be involved in recruiting and keeping GPs for rural Scotland.

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Brainstorming Rural Barriers*with D&G Voice*

Free flowing discussion of barriers faced by disabled people in rural Dumfries and Galloway and potential solutions to issues uncovered.

16:00 Remote Control: A play by young people

Auditorium

Performance Collective Stranraer takes you to a small town in remote and rural part of Scotland and shows you what it's like as we attempt to grow into adulthood. Our show is about theories of evolution, parking violations and that look you get in a local pub when you walk in... and you're clearly not from there.

Remote Control was shown at the National Theatre of Scotland's Exchange festival in Inverness and is written by the company with Drew Taylor. PCS is funded by The Hollywood Trust, The Barfill Trust and DGU.

18:30 Opening Ceremony:

Games Hall

Introduction from Amanda Burgauer, Chair of Scottish Rural Action

Keynote speech, Mairi Gougeon, Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment

Rural Innovators Award presentations

20:00 Drinks reception – Entertainment with Robyn Stapleton, BBC Radio Scotland's Young Traditional Musician 2014. Canapes and drinks provided by Dumfries & Galloway College hospitality students.

Thursday 15th November

09:00 Registration and exhibition opens

Ryan Centre

09:30 Workshops – examining key aspects of rural policy. Repeated at 13:30. Choose from:

Rural services: Equality of access**Movement Room (RC)***with Disabilities Equalities Scotland and Rural Mental Health Forum*

Examining how we can ensure that all essential rural services – including those provided by the private sector such as banking and broadband – are inclusive now and in the future.

Radically rethinking rural democracy (part 1) 9:30am only**GP room (RC)***with Scottish Rural Action*

Think creatively and join our conversation about how to reshape rural democracy. This is a grassroots workshop to shape our response to the Local Democracy Bill in 2019. You should attend part 1 & part 2.

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Radically rethinking rural democracy (part 2) 13:30 only **GP room (RC)**
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Social care: Delivering for rural Scotland **Burns House**
with Scottish Islands Federation and GrowBiz

Our older population is growing and we are already struggling to meet needs in rural communities. This session looks at some inspiring projects addressing needs and asks how we can ensure everyone gets the care they need.

Transport: What does the future hold? **North West Castle Hotel (Price Phillip room)**
with speakers from the Rural Transport Convention

A look at transport innovations and how we ensure that rural communities aren't left behind – literally. This workshop will feed into the development of the National Transport Strategy for Scotland.

Rural homelessness **Green Room (RC)**
with Rural Housing Scotland and Scottish Rural Action

Rural homelessness can be a hidden issue, with people migrating to the cities due to a lack of affordable and suitable housing. Join our campaign to tackle rural homelessness taking place throughout December 2018.

Democracy Matters **Stranraer Library**
with Scottish Rural Action

Feeding into the Local Governance Review and 2019 Local Democracy Bill, this workshop examines questions relating to local democracy – what do you think of current local decision-making practices and what defines 'local' for you?

What is place-based rural policy, and what evidence base does it need? North West Castle Hotel (Edinburgh room)
with the James Hutton Institute and Scotland's Rural College

Think about the town, village or rural place where you live, and the issues which matter there. Can you find the data to measure them? Join our discussion of what 'true' place-based policy means for rural Scotland and help us collect information on the evidence base it needs.

Rural Scotland: Planning for 2050 **G31, College**
with the Scottish Government's National Planning team – meet the professionals in person

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Work to refresh Scotland's National Planning Framework including the Scottish Planning Policy will commence next year – this is an early opportunity to help to influence and inform this process.

What is your experience of planning in your area? Does it help or hinder your rural community? How relevant is your local development plan to the places where you live and work? What can planning do best support your local community or your business?

This session provides a chance to share your ideas about how planning can best support rural Scotland into the future.

10:50 Our vision for rural Scotland: Setting the scene for post-Brexit discussions – keynote speakers and panel discussion **Auditorium**

with Mairi Gougeon, Minister for Rural Affairs and Natural Environment, Colin Smyth, Labour MP, Andy Wightman, Green MP and others TBC; chaired by Ruth Wishart

12:10 Lunch and exhibition **Games Hall**
including launch of new research on the Rural Gender Pay Gap by SRUC and Scottish Government

13:30 Workshops - examining key aspects of rural policy (repeated from above)

14:50 Workshops - examining key aspects of post-Brexit rural policy including:

- Maintaining links with Europe
- Rural community development
- Rural economy
- Land use

16:10 Member's motions **Auditorium**

Scottish Rural Action election candidates introduced

17:30 Finish

19:00 Dinner and ceilidh **North West Castle Hotel**

Optional three-course meal and ceilidh at the North West Castle Hotel, Stranraer
with Graham Taylor, Crafty Distillery, and local band Life O'Reilly.

Friday 16th November

08:30 Early morning walk! Meet Peter Ross, Chair of Dumfries & Galloway LEADER, at the Castle of St John (8 Castle Street, DG9 7RT), for a leisure walk from sea to trees to townscape. Finishes at the Ryan Centre approximately 9.30am.

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Rural gender pay-gap

with SRUC and Scottish Government

Movement Room

Following the launch of the report into the rural gender pay-gap released on Thursday at the Rural Parliament, this is an opportunity to ask questions about the report and share your views on how the pay-gap could be addressed.

Digital Scotland: R100 update

with Digital Scotland

Auditorium

An update on the R100 superfast broadband programme.

General Practice in Rural Communities: the 2018 GP Contract

with the Scottish Government Primary Care Team

GP Room

New GP Contracts offer a transformation of Primary Care services in Scotland that encourage GPs to spend more time with patients. Come and hear about how this will work in Scotland's rural communities, and the unique role rural GPs serve and the challenges they face.

Self-Portraits

with Women in the Highlands

Café

Workshop attendees will help create part of an ongoing art project. This project began at Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival and comprises of self-portraits done on mini-canvases in colours which were used by the Suffrage movement. The aim is to eventually have a mosaic about identity.

Young returners: Learning from Uist

Find out how Uist is attracting young people to return to the island.

Green Room

10:00 Workshops – a range of practical and discussion workshops on the theme of 'Taking Action'. RC=Ryan Centre. Choose from:

It's all about who you know

with Scottish Rural Action

This workshop takes place at 10am ONLY.

Auditorium (RC)

An opportunity to speak to officials in different roles and different levels of local and national government about their roles and how best to forge a relationship with them.

Community Shares

with Development Trusts Association Scotland

North West Castle Hotel (Edinburgh room)

From harbours to heritage, energy to education, find out how community shares can be used to fund "What Matters" to your community.

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Asset transfer: Viability not liability!

General Purpose Room (RC)

with Community Ownership Support Service

Considering an asset transfer? From assessing need to filling out the asset transfer form, establishing a group to working out how to pay the bills, this practical workshop will introduce all aspects of taking ownership of an asset and outline the support available to help you take the first step.

Intro to social media

Burns House

with Jane Craigie Marketing

Struggling to make heads or tails out of hashtags and trends and always wondered what vlogging is? This is a beginner's guide to social media and why its important (trust us, it is!).

Engaging young people

Movement Room (RC)

with the Scottish Youth Parliament, Police Scotland Youth Volunteers and Rural Youth Project

Ensuring young people are engaged with your organisation at all levels can be a challenge. Here are some top tips from young people themselves.

Putting community-led creativity on the map Stranraer Library (Activity Room)

with Voluntary Arts Scotland

Community-led arts and culture events are an opportunity to build community cohesion, overcome barriers, explore ideas and celebrate. Join Voluntary Arts Scotland to hear how they can help showcase and support your creative group or project and connect with other people in the room to share ideas, contacts and useful resources.

A community banking hub?

North West Castle Hotel (Prince Phillip room)

with Development Trusts Association Scotland and Community Junction.

A discussion about the possibility of a community banking hub and some ideas about how it might be achieved.

Running a campaign

Green Room (RC)

with Scottish Rural Action and Robin McAlpine

An introduction to campaigning on issues important to you and your community and a toolkit to help which is free to take home.

11:15 Workshops – a range of practical and discussion workshops on the theme of ‘Taking Action’ (repeated from above)

12:15 Lunch

Games Hall

13:00 Scottish Rural Action Annual General Meeting and closing ceremony:

Auditorium

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Mr Michael Russell, Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations

14.30 Free bus leaves!

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