

Challenging Upland Futures Programme

Tuesday 5 October 2021	
10.00 – 10.45	Registration + tea/coffee (Foyer)
10.45 – 10.55	Civic Welcome by Provost Dennis Melloy, Provost of Perth and Kinross
10.55 – 11.05	The 20 th anniversary of the Centre for Mountain Studies <i>Martin Price, Centre for Mountain Studies</i>
11.05 – 11.10	Introduction to the forum Chair – Rosalind Bryce, <i>Centre for Mountain Studies</i>
11.10 - 11.40	Partnerships and reconciling priorities in the mountains of Norway <i>Kari Randen, Norwegian Mountain Network</i>
11.40 - 12.00	Key issues in Scotland's uplands <i>Charles Warren, University of St Andrews</i>
12.00 - 12.20	Scotland's uplands: The policy context <i>Ross Lilley, NatureScot</i>
12.20 - 12.40	Delivering multiple benefits: informing land use decision-making <i>Alison Hester, James Hutton Institute</i>
12.40 - 12.55	Addressing issues of polarisation in upland management <i>Anna Lawrence, Centre for Mountain Studies</i>
12.55 - 13.10	Comments/questions
13.10 - 14.10	Lunch (Foyer)
14.10 - 14.15	Introduction to the process for the rest of the forum
14.15 - 15.05	Scotland-wide initiatives Chair – Vicky Johnson (UHI)
14.15 – 14.25	Futureproofing hill farming <i>Davy McCracken, Scotland's Rural College</i>
14.25 – 14.35	REVIVE: The coalition for grouse moor reform <i>Max Wiszniewski, REVIVE</i>
14.35 – 14.45	An integrated approach to upland management <i>Dee Ward, Scottish Land and Estates & Rottal Estate</i>
14.45 – 14.55	Rewilding in Scotland - What would you choose? <i>Steve Mickelwright, Scottish Rewilding Alliance</i>
14.55 – 15.05	What are our uplands for? <i>Anne Gray, The Heather Trust</i>
15.05 – 15.15	Comments/questions
15.15 – 15.45	Tea/coffee (Foyer)
15.45 – 17.00	Place-based initiatives Chair – Rob Boyd (UHI)
15.45 – 15.55	The role of Biospheres: <i>Natasha Hutchison, Wester Ross Biosphere</i>
15.55 – 16.05	MOVING project: Developing a community of practice for upland value chains <i>Kirsty Blackstock, The James Hutton Institute</i>
16.05 – 16.25	Upland Futures: Reflections from Scotland's National Parks: <i>Simon Jones, Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority</i> Challenging Upland Futures in the Cairngorms National Park: <i>Pete Mayhew, Cairngorms National Park Authority</i>
16.25 – 17.00	Development of partnerships in the South of Scotland – Regional case study <i>McNabb Laurie, Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership; Ed Forrest, Galloway & Southern Ayrshire Biosphere</i>
17.00 – 17.30	Comments/questions
17.30 – 19.00	Reception: time to network, look at posters and talk to Mandy Haggith, our poet in residence (Foyer)

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Wednesday 6 October	
09.00 - 09.15	Introduction to day 2, including brief reflections on previous day on cross-cutting challenges and learning points <i>Rosalind Bryce and Mandy Haggith</i>
09.15 - 10.45	Four facilitated working groups to identify common ground and suggest priority actions on the following themes Participants will sign up to working groups on Tuesday morning; breakout rooms to be confirmed
	1: Addressing climate change and biodiversity objectives in upland initiatives <i>Facilitator: Christiane Valluri-Nitsch & Rob Boyd</i>
	2: Good practice community engagement in the uplands <i>Facilitator: Annie McKee & Zoe Russell</i>
	3: Finding optimum spatial scales to deliver multiple benefits in the uplands and for integrating policy objectives <i>Facilitator: Rob Mc Morran & Alasdair Bachell</i>
	4: Contributions of the uplands to a Just Transition <i>Facilitator: Bobby Macaulay & Vicky Johnson</i>
10.45 - 11.15	Tea/coffee (Foyer)
11.15 - 11.45	Feedback from working groups
11.45 - 12.00	Reflections <i>Kari Randen, Norwegian Mountain Network</i> <i>Hamish Trench, Scottish Land Commission</i>
12.00 - 12.15	Proposals for priority actions <i>Sarah Skerratt, Royal Society of Edinburgh, and the Scottish Consortium for Rural Research</i>

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