

**Community Land Scotland Annual Conference 2014**  
*Shaping Change – Towards 1 Million Acres*

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2014 - Dihaoine 6mh An t-Ògmhios**

*Fringe event 11.15am: The Crown Estate - opportunities for Local Management Agreements and community responsibility for the foreshore*

Registration at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig from 10.30 onwards – lunch available from 12.00

**2.00: Welcome** Angela Williams, Vice Chair, Community Land Scotland

**2.05: Welcoming Address** Cllr. David Alston, Highland Council

**2.20: Shaping Change: Towards 1 Million Acres** David Cameron, Chair, Community Land Scotland

**3.00: Break for tea/coffee** (possible group photo opportunity)

**3.45: Update on Community Land Scotland Research** Amanda Bryan, Aigas Associates; followed by Q&A

**4.10: Breakout Sessions (1)**

**5.30: Community Land Scotland AGM**

**7.30 for 8.00: Conference Dinner**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2014 - Disathairne 7mh An t-Ògmhios**

**9.00:** Morning chaired by David Cameron, Chair, Community Land Scotland

**9.05: Opening Address** Paul Wheelhouse MSP, Minister for Environment and Climate Change; followed by Q&A

**9.50: Land Reform, A World Cause** Megan MacInnes, Global Witness; followed by Q&A

**10.25: Break for tea/coffee** (possible group photo opportunity)

**11.10: Breakout Sessions (2)**

**12.30: Policy Programme for 2014/15** Peter Peacock, Policy Director, Community Land Scotland; followed by Q&A

**1.00: Acknowledgements & Closing**

**Followed by Lunch**

# Co-labhairt Bhliadhnail Fearann Coimhearsnachd na h-Alba 2014

Cruthachadh atharrachaidh - a dh'ionnsaigh millean acair

## Breakout Sessions

### FRIDAY - DIHAOINE

#### 1. Joint Marketing of Community Ownership Sector

- with Marketing Consultant Mike Story (sponsored by Highlands & Islands Enterprise)

*This session will be in the form of an interactive focus group and will scope the potential for joint marketing initiatives for the community land/asset ownership sector. The session will be facilitated by a marketing consultant who is familiar with the sector, and aims to inform and inspire delegates of the benefits of joint promotional activities, identify ideas for pilot projects, identify potential partners and funding opportunities. The session is sponsored by Highlands and Islands Enterprise.*

#### 2. Community Land Housing – Making it Happen

- with Derek Logie (Rural Housing Scotland), Ronnie MacRae (Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust) & Angela Williams (Knoydart Foundation / Community Land Scotland)

*Provision of affordable housing is a major problem in many rural communities. This session will focus on how community landowners can make affordable housing a reality and the steps which are needed to take.*

### SATURDAY - DISATHAIRNE

#### 3. Scotland's Rural Parliament

- with John Hutchison (Scottish Rural Parliament / Community Land Scotland) & Norman MacAskill (SCVO / Scottish Rural Parliament)

*People who live and work in rural Scotland are being invited to set the agenda for Scotland's first Rural Parliament, which will take place in Oban in November this year. This session will give you the chance to play a part by considering the emerging themes, the challenges and the potential solutions that the Rural Parliament should be addressing.*

#### 4. Forestry, Finance and Funding (aka Therapy Session for Current and Aspiring Community Forest Owners)

- with Amanda Bryan & Andrew Leaver (Aigas Community Forest)

*This session will discuss the key finance and funding issues affecting community organisations with an interest in forestry ownership and management including Market Valuations of Forestry, the Taxation system, State Aids, the National Forest Land Scheme and the Scottish Public Finance Manual. Amanda Bryan will provide a brief description of the challenges around forest purchases and funding with an update on what changes may or may not be taking place to try and improve the situation. Andrew Leaver will present a case study on Aigas Community Forest who after 5 years have successfully secured funds to purchase part and lease the remainder of Aigas Forest from Forestry Commission Scotland. Come along and share your experiences, learn from others and compare grey hairs.....*

### FRIDAY & SATURDAY – DIHAOINE & DISATHAIRNE

#### 5. The Land Reform Review Group Recommendations and their Implementation

- with John Watt (Land Reform Review Group / Scottish Land Fund) & Peter Peacock (Community Land Scotland)

*The LRRG will report to the Scottish Government in late May. The session will give a brief overview of the work and the main recommendations. How might these be implemented? Will some be picked up by the Community Empowerment Bill, and will there be a requirement for a further Land Reform Bill? The session will provide an opportunity for Community Land Scotland to get reaction from its members to help shape how it might deal with the report and respond in a considered way.*

#### 6. Fiscal Dimensions of Land Reform

- with Andy Wightman (independent writer/researcher)

*Two recent reports on land reform have highlighted aspects of the fiscal regime in relation to land. This session will explore the role played by tax reliefs and exemptions in the pattern of landownership and the land market.*



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