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# Community Land Scotland Annual Conference 2015

## Empowerment through Community Land Ownership

### **New Drumossie Hotel, Inverness 21st –22nd May 2015**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015

Fringe exhibition can be viewed from 11.00 a.m.

Registration from 11.30 onwards – lunch available from 12.30

1.30: Welcome, David Cameron, Chair, Community Land Scotland

1.40: Opening address Professor James Hunter, historian & land reform campaigner, followed by opportunity for Q&A

2.20: Policy & Legislative Update Peter Peacock, Policy Director, Community Land Scotland; followed by Q&A

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

3.30: Showcase .....see below \*\*

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5.30: Community Land Scotland AGM

7.30 for 8.00: Conference Dinner

**\*\* Showcase Sessions:-**

**Delegates will have the opportunity to attend two out of four sessions**

**These sessions will involve speakers who will relate their community's particular experience of their land purchase and subsequent development.**

**Their short presentations will be followed by question and answer and discussion**

1. **Community land buyout (large)**, Speaker - Margaret McSparran, Chair, Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust..... (Chair – John Hutchison)
2. **Community land buyout (small)**, Speaker (TBC) ..... (Chair – Angela Williams)
3. **Crofting community buyout**, Speaker – (TBC) ..... (Chair – Angus Robertson)
4. **Community forestry buyout**, Speaker - Charles Dixon-Spain, Chairman, Colintrave & Glendaruel Development Trust..... (Chair – Ian Hepburn)

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9.00: Morning chaired by Lorne MacLeod, Board Member, Community Land Scotland

9.05: Conference Address, Scottish Government followed by Q & A (TBC)

9.50: Aftercare & Advisory Support Discussion, Sandra Holmes, Head of Community Assets, HIE, followed by Q&A

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

11.00: Panel debate chaired by Peter Peacock, Policy Director, Community Land Scotland

- (TBC)
- Huw Francis, Chief Executive, Stòras Uibhist
- Amanda Bryan, Aigas Associates
- (TBC)

Five minutes talk from each speaker on key issues for the sector, expectations going forward, and what changes are needed to make the path easier for others.

Q&A from audience

12.30: Rob Gibson MSP, Convener of Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee, Scottish Parliament

1.00: Acknowledgements & Closing

Followed by Lunch