

Community Land Scotland 2022 Annual Conference

Sharing Scotland's Land Wealth

20 & 21 May 2022, Edinburgh

Friday 20 May * 14:00 - 22:00

- 14:00** **Repopulation in Action seminar**
Greyfriars Charteris Centre
Chaired by Ariane Burgess MSP for Highlands and Islands, with:
- * Morven Fancey, Highlands and Islands Enterprise
 - * David Ford, South of Scotland Enterprise
 - * Cameron Anson, Lorraine Lowrie and Ben Jones, Scottish Government
 - * Jane Millar, Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust
 - * Billie Jones, Glentool and Bargrennan Community Trust

OR

- 14:00** **Study visits to Bellfield run by ActionPorty, and Bridgend Farmhouse**
Buses depart from St Leonard Hall, Pollock Halls
- 19:00** **Conference Welcome Dinner at South Hall, Pollock Halls**

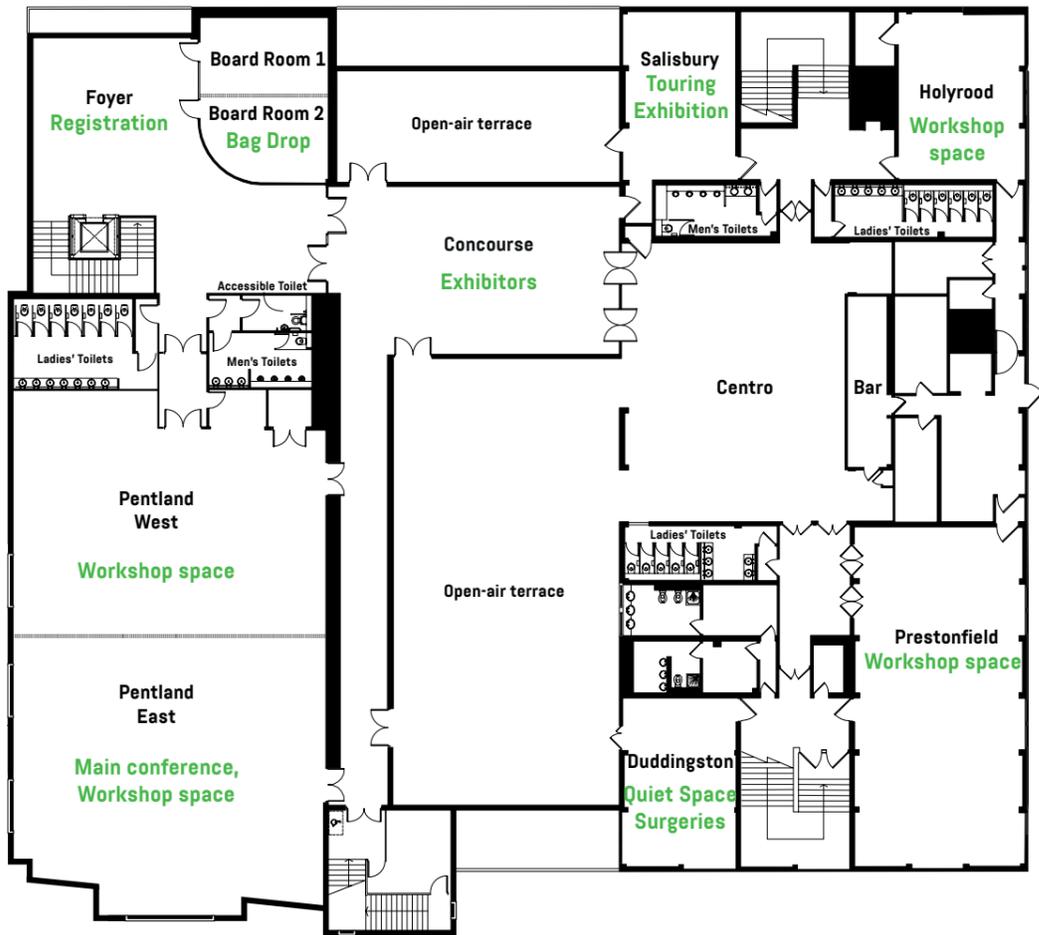
Saturday 21 May * 9:30 - 17:00

John McIntyre Conference Centre

- 9:30** **Welcome**
Ailsa Raeburn, Chair of Community Land Scotland
- 9:40** **A View from Mull**
Harry Whitmore, Mull and Iona Community Trust
- 9:50** **The Year of Community Ownership**
Lindsay Chalmers, Community Land Scotland
Lucy Conway, Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust
- 10:00** **Community Land Story**
Jane Fullerton, Donside Community Association / Aberdeen Community Energy

- 10:10 Community Wealth Building and a Just Transition to Net Zero**
Laurie Macfarlane
- 10:30 Panel Discussion: Communities, 'green lairds' and the climate emergency**
Chaired by Dr Calum Macleod, Community Land Scotland, with:
* Justin Kenrick, Action Party
* Laurie Macfarlane
* Megan MacInnes, Scottish Land Commission
- 11:30 Tea and coffee**
- 12:00 Workshop Session A** (see descriptions on page 3) **and Surgeries** (sign up at Registration table)
* What makes a community? Thinking about inclusion and diversity in community land
* Land reform in towns and cities
* Community-led tourism
* Members only: Community Right to Buy discussion session
- 13:00 Lunch**
- 14:00 Welcome Back**
- 14:05 Panel Discussion: Community Wealth-building**
Chaired by Martin Avila with:
* Morven Gibson, South West Mull & Iona Development
* Julia Campbell, Coigach Community Development Company
* Carey Doyle, Community Ownership Hub: Glasgow and Clyde Valley
* Lorne MacLeod, Scottish Land Commission
- 14:50 Workshop Session B** (see descriptions on page 3) **and Surgeries** (sign up at Registration table)
* What makes a community? Thinking about inclusion and diversity in community land
* Community landowners and the climate emergency
* The Year of Community Ownership
- 15:50 Tea and coffee**
- 16:10 Community Land Story**
Dannie Onn, Colonsay Community Development Company
- 16:20 QUEST: presenting the new community land education project**
- 16:30 Community Landownership Academic Network**
Dr Bobby Macaulay
- 16:45 Closing remarks**
Agnes Rennie, Chair of Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn and CLS Director
- 17:00 Close**

- A & B What makes a community? Thinking about inclusion and diversity in community land**
Many different types of people make up a geographic community. What are different experiences of community land projects, and how do we include everyone? We will discuss recent Community Land Scotland projects on these topics, such as our Gender Audit, as well as The Community Ownership Hub Inclusive Community Engagement Top-Tips. We aim to identify priorities for future work on this topic.
- A Land reform in towns and cities**
Since the introduction of the game-changing Community Empowerment Act and the extension of the Scottish Land Fund to all of Scotland's communities, there is much to celebrate. However, there are also systemic issues that make the ownership journey uniquely challenging for communities in towns and cities. Focusing on the emerging evidence from the Community Ownership Hub: Glasgow and Clyde valley, we will explore urban land reform learning, such as what's next for Vacant and Derelict Land, why we need an Urban Community Led Housing Fund, and more.
- A Community-led tourism**
Community Tourism Scotland (SCOTO) is the new forum for community tourism. Come along and find out what they offer and hear from two community landowners that are successfully running tourism businesses.
- A Members only: Community Right to Buy discussion session**
It's almost 20 years since the Land Reform Act 2003 introduced the first Community Right to Buy. The legislation changed the culture around community landownership and further rights have been added in recent years. Whether your community has successfully used the legislation, or it didn't work for you, Community Land Scotland would like to hear your story at this workshop.
- B Community landowners and the climate emergency**
Community landowners are punching above their weight when it comes to tackling the climate emergency. Come along to this workshop and hear some real life examples of how community ownership is contributing to carbon reduction in Scotland.
- B The Year of Community Ownership**
Community Land Scotland is declaring 2023 to be the Year of Community Ownership! Our plan is to take 100 creative works and objects from community landowners on a tour of Scotland. Come along to this workshop to find out more and help us shape the programme for our biggest ever showcase of community ownership.



Workshop locations

Community-led tourism (A)	PENTLAND EAST
Community landowners and the climate emergency (B)	PENTLAND EAST
Community Right to Buy discussion session (A)	PRESTONFIELD
Land reform in towns and cities (A)	HOLYROOD
The Year of Community Ownership (B)	PRESTONFIELD
What makes a community? (A & B)	PENTLAND WEST
Surgeries (A & B)	DUDDINGSTON

Martin Avila is the Group CEO of Community Enterprise in Scotland, the UK's oldest and largest social enterprise support agency. With a passion for social enterprise and community ownership, Martin has been on the Community Land Scotland Board since 2019. He is currently on the North Ayrshire Council Community Wealth Building expert panel and was formerly Director of the Kinning Park Complex in Glasgow.

Julia Campbell has returned to her roots in the small community of Achiltibuie, on the Coigach Peninsula in Wester Ross where she works as Development Officer for Coigach Community Development Company (CCDC), set up in 2010 to tackle various challenges facing the community including depopulation, lack of housing, failing infrastructure, economic uncertainty. She job-shares with Ann Marie Firth-Bernard; between the two of them, they are involved in a variety of projects that also include culture, heritage, environment and leisure. Julia's background is in the arts and like many in the community development line, she has had to learn on the job, which has given her insight into finance, housing, path engineering, asset transfer, land management and renewable energy to name but some.

Lucy Conway has lived on the Isle of Eigg since 2004. Currently a Director of the Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust, she's remained amazed by what community ownership has enabled Eigg's residents to achieve since the buyout 25 years ago. From population and new business growth to the delivery of major infrastructure and environmental projects, Eigg's enthusiasm and stamina for continually and consistently focusing on building a sustainable future has been unwavering. When she's not sharing her love for her island home, Lucy works as the Island Community Fund Manager for Inspiring Scotland, is host for Sweeney's Bothy artist residency and self-catering accommodation and works with Community Land Scotland on developing the Year of Community Ownership.

Dr. Carey Doyle is a town planner and social scientist. She has worked to deliver sustainable and inclusive land use across academia, private consultancy, and the third sector. She is happiest working with community groups, researching obscure land governance, and asking awkward questions in the interests of delivering meaningful change.

Jane Fullerton has lived in the Donside Village for over 3 years and is currently Chair of the Donside Community Association. Donside is a sustainable community nestled on the banks of the River Don. Built in 2012 by social landlord Tenants First Scotland (now part of the Sanctuary Goup), the development is a mixture of affordable homes offered for sale and lease. Aberdeen Community Energy is a multi-award winning Community Benefit Society, was set up in 2015 by the Donside Community Association (DCA) to build, own and operate the Donside Hydro Scheme on behalf of the community.

Morven Gibson is the General Manager of South West Mull and Iona Development and has led the organisation through two community land buyouts over the past 6 years. Driven by a passion to enable opportunities which allow people to live and work on Mull and Iona, she believes that community land ownership is fundamental in achieving this. Morven lives in Bunessan with her husband and three teenage children and is involved in a variety of local organisations.

Justin Kenrick is an anthropologist activist who works on community land rights - both in Africa for Forest Peoples Programme and in Scotland where he chairs Action Party which undertook Scotland's first successful urban community right to buy at Bellfield. He writes extensively, and campaigned for and helped shape Scotland's Climate Citi-

zens Assembly as part of Extinction Rebellion Scotland until XR had to leave. He works with Grassroots to Global Assemblies to explore how we might reclaim politics through a democracy that builds from peoples assemblies to citizens assemblies that have the power to address the multiplying emergencies we face.

Dr Bobby Macaulay is a Research Associate within the Centre for Mountain Studies at the University of the Highlands and Islands. Drawing on an interdisciplinary academic background comprising political science, public health and rural development, his research focuses on the role of community organisations in the sustainability of rural and island communities, with a particular interest in community asset ownership. Dr Macaulay is the coordinator of the Community Landownership Academic Network (CLAN) and sits on the Committee of the Scottish Land Fund. He was the lead author on the 2021 CLS research report, 'Community Landowners and the Climate Emergency'.

Laurie Macfarlane is an Edinburgh-based economist and researcher. He is currently a senior research fellow at the UCL Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose (IIPP); a fellow at the Wellbeing Economy Alliance (WEAll); an advisor to North Ayrshire Council's Community Wealth Building Expert Group; and a member of the Progressive Economy Forum council. Prior to this he was Senior Economist at the New Economics Foundation. Laurie is also the co-author of the critically acclaimed book 'Rethinking the Economics of Land and Housing'.

Megan MacInnes lives as part of a crofting family in Applecross and has 20 years' experience working on land reform, community development and natural resource governance, internationally and in Scotland. She is the Local Development Manager for Applecross Community Company and is also a Scottish Land Commissioner.

Lorne MacLeod is a Commissioner with the Scottish Land Commission and has had an interest, and involvement, in land reform for many years. He was a founding director and, latterly, was the Chairman of Community Land Scotland, and has been a director of the community land buyout groups Stòras Uibhist and the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust. He was Highlands & Islands Enterprise's first Director of Strengthening Communities, and is a chartered accountant, and director of a retail and distribution business in the Isle of Skye.

Dannie Onn is a recently retired Scottish Government planning appeals reporter. He is an architect and historic buildings specialist and has worked in regeneration and conservation for several local authorities, leading on delivery of major regeneration projects. Dannie is a director and current chair of the Colonsay Community Development Company. He is also its projects director, working with the company's employees to deliver development projects and a new community plan. As such, he works with island businesses and organisations, local and national government, and other stakeholders to acquire land and develop assets needed for a sustainable community on Colonsay.

Harry Whitmore is a recent graduate of the University of Edinburgh, and recipient of the 2021 Scottish Land Commission National Student Award, currently working for the Mull & Iona Community Trust. Having studied architecture at university, Harry chose to pursue a career in community land ownership and community led development in the hope of challenging inequalities in the built environment. He intends to continue his career by synthesising lessons from both rural and urban contexts to help address the fundamental question of who gets to build what, where, why, and for whom.



Communities Housing Trust is the leading organisation for delivering community-led housing in Scotland. We work closely with communities across rural, remote and island areas to actively tackle repopulation and long-term sustainability. We take a holistic view and creative approach that looks beyond just housing, and have facilitated well over 1,000 genuinely affordable homes and other much-needed facilities in more than 120 communities across central and northern Scotland. Together with communities, we develop viable solutions to the evolving challenges of community development in less well-served places. This includes pioneering a range of housing tenures, and financial and technical solutions (such as the Rural Housing Burden) that provide much-needed flexibility and support, and are used Scotland-wide.



Plunkett Foundation is a UK-wide charity that promotes and supports community-owned businesses as a means for tackling issues faced by those living and working in predominantly rural areas. We provide practical support to help communities to establish and run a wide range of community businesses, and we also carry out communications, research, policy and advocacy on behalf of our membership in order to raise the profile of the sector and to strengthen their operating environment. With our partners DTAS/Community Shares Scotland and Co-operative Development Scotland we aim to make it easier for communities in Scotland to access the wide-ranging support available, promoting access to support from each partner organisation as well as signposting to others.



Rural business management consultants with expertise in natural capital markets specialising in supporting a diverse range of land managers, and corporate and institutional bodies looking to responsibly offset their environmental impacts through nature-based solutions and helping community land owners to fund nature recovery and pursue their environmental objectives. With skills in rural business management, ecological restoration and natural capital, the **Savills Natural Capital** team have experience facilitating the sponsorship of nature restoration with particular sensitivity to the social as well as environmental co-benefits of environmental land management and land use change.



Land matters because we all need it and we all use it. We need to ensure that land is owned and used fairly to benefit Scotland's people and economy. **The Scottish Land Commission** is working to create a Scotland where everybody benefits from the ownership, management and use of the nation's land. We are driving change on the ground in responsible land ownership underpinned by land rights and responsibilities. We provide leadership by stimulating fresh thinking in how land is owned and used and how land reform can help tackle Scotland's big challenges, including economic renewal, inequalities, human rights and a just transition to net zero. Have a look at our website for more information landcommission.gov.scot or get in touch.



South of Scotland Community Housing provides long-term support to community organisations relative to the planning and delivery of community-led housing across the South of Scotland. We get involved with a community at the very start of a housing conversation, providing support right through to delivery and beyond. This includes the Housing Needs and Demand Assessment, project development (including business planning and funding packages), delivery and housing management. Our work also involves support to mixed-use developments and broader community ownership projects in both urban and rural places. We understand the unique and specific needs of individual communities and the important role housing plays in helping to sustain resilient places, providing opportunities for people to live and work and support community-led regeneration and, where appropriate, repopulation.

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