

## Fringe workshops

**THURSDAY 6pm – 9pm**

Title	Details
Nourish – Good Food Nation Bill	The Scottish Government will consult on a Good Food Nation Bill in 2017. That bill will cut across Government areas, including health, food standards, waste, social justice, agriculture, education and procurement. It thus has the real potential to be a ground-breaking piece of legislation that addresses the many issues faced by our food system. Nourish wants to present our vision for the bill and discuss the stakes and opportunities this bill offers for rural Scotland.
The future of rural development – a LEADER approach	A discussion workshop to develop ideas for Rural Development in the future using the LEADER approach.
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Scottish Government Consultation on Social Security	With powers over a number of social security benefits being transferred to the Scottish Parliament as part of the Scotland Act 2016, the Scottish Government has launched a consultation on the Scottish approach to social security. We're here to tell you more about the consultation and listen to your views.
The Land Based Sector in NE Scotland - Facing the Future	Presentation of the results of a recently completed study into the future of the Land Based Sectors in NE Scotland. This study covered Angus, Aberdeenshire and Moray. It tracks the trends in agriculture, other land

	<p>based sectors and the rural economy from 2007 to 2015, compares this to previous trends, analyses reasons for change and then looks ahead to how the rural sectors may change over the medium and long term. Recommendations for action are made for the funding organisations. The study involved statistical analyses, economic modelling, surveys, scenario planning workshops and the is illustrated with case studies. The study was produced for NESAAAG (North East Scotland Agricultural Advisory Group) and funded by Aberdeenshire Council, Angus Council, Moray Council, Scottish Enterprise, HIE Moray and Forestry Commission Scotland. The workshop will include a short presentation of key points and an open discussion.</p>
<p>Scoping a vision for the uplands</p>	<p>As part of the scoping process it will be important to obtain the views of key stakeholders. Some key questions to consider are listed below. 1. Where are the uplands? What broad characteristics should we use to define the uplands? 2. What benefits do the uplands provide to Scotland? What are the key social, economic and environmental benefits that the uplands provide for Scotland? 3. How can upland land use help to prevent or reduce the impacts of climate change? 4. What should an upland vision include? A strategic vision could inform decisions about the balance between different land uses in different parts of the uplands. What are the key choices that an upland vision should address, and why? 5. Are there any other topics or issues that should be included in an upland vision, and if so why? 6. Are there any topics or issues that should be excluded from an upland vision, and if so why? 7. How should the vision be developed? Which stakeholders do you think it would be particularly important to involve, and how? Would particular approaches be needed, for example, to reach particular groups? 8. What are your views on the process that might be needed to bring together the key interests and develop a shared vision? 9. Who would be best placed to lead this process? 10. What form should a vision for the uplands take (visual or descriptive, maps, diagrams or text)?</p>
<p>Support To Engage Programme (STEP)</p>	<p>STEP Given the clear lack of engagement provision identified by partners, communities and clients, STEP has been developed and supported by the East Ayrshire Works Partners to address this service gap within the areas identified previously. These discussions with the EAW partners have ensured that STEP provision will complement the needs of these agencies ensuring little or no duplication of services. This support including several discussions and meetings has ensured that STEP provision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complements, add value to existing provision</li> <li>• Does not duplicate existing provision</li> <li>• Meets an identified need.</li> <li>• Is linked to the main jobseeking services programme ensuing clients are seamlessly referred onto the most relevant and appropriate ongoing support.</li> </ul> <p>Target clients will be identified through direct engagement and outreach activities such as street work, visits to local voluntary organisations, knocking on doors and referral through the EAWP and Local Community Planning Partnership Jobseeking services Programme. STEP will engage with and support clients identified as long term economically inactive to identify, access and sustain jobseeking services. Step will deliver its support services through an initial 4 step journey. The Client</p>

	<p>Journey will not be a one size fits all process but will be flexible to reflect the differing stages, abilities and aspirations of clients accessing STEP and will involve:</p> <p><b>ENGAGE:</b> 1. Identify and engage with clients through a number of different, yet client centred approaches including: a. Listening Surveys that will see support staff conducting a series of contact activities within targeted areas that will involve “door knocking” of potential client’s home and engaging them to identify their current jobseeking services situation and their future aims and aspirations. Staff will with the client complete a small questionnaire that will identify whether the client is eligible to access STEP services (if not the programme will ensure the client is provided with information as to which programmes/project would be able to assist them). b. Engagement with clients at local community, voluntary and social events enabling STEP to provide potential clients with information on its services. c. Direct referral from partners including Jobcentre Plus (JCP) and East Ayrshire Works jobseeking services.</p> <p><b>ASSESS THE NEED</b> 1. Identify the specific issues that are preventing the client from moving forward and together complete the Individual Success Plan (ISP) that will set out a number of elements including: a. Their current jobseeking services and/or lifelong learning situation b. Are they currently seeking some form of learning and/or training and if so what are their aspirations in terms of sectors, specific jobs, training or up skilling. c. How would they seek to engage further with STEP (i.e. further home visits, visit the main office and/or local support sessions) d. Identify and agree an initial success plan and agree a more in depth meeting to complete the Individual Success Plan (ISP)</p> <p><b>ADDRESS THE NEED</b> 1. Deliver a series of small support sessions that will: a. Provide an induction process that will ensure the clients understand the structure and services of STEP the various partners that are involved in delivering the programme and the importance of the BIG LOTTERY funding in enabling the delivery of STEP. b. Provide the clients with a number of sessions that will increase their confidence, knowledge and understanding of the overall jobseeking services pipeline (East Ayrshire Works) and the various potential support programmes they can be referred onto from STEP.</p> <p><b>POSITIVE IMPROVEMENT</b> 1. Identify referral(s) onto jobseeking support services (including work experience, employment support and training) via existing jobseeking services support programmes delivered within the East Ayrshire Works Strategic Skills Pipeline and continue to provide ongoing mentoring and advocacy support to clients as they progress through their client jobseeking services/training journeys.</p>
Rural churches - here to listen; here to care	How can rural churches help in community well-being: come and share your ideas.
An introduction to Participatory Budgeting	Participatory Budgeting is being promoted by the Scottish Government in its programme for government as part of its response to the recent Community Empowerment Act. It enables local people to better direct public services and fund local initiatives. It has been successful in engaging new people in democratic processes, and is set to become more common in years to come. Especially suited to building stronger rural communities, this workshop will explore recent experiences in Scotland and how it might grow. The session will appeal to all participants at the Scottish Rural Parliament 2016.

**SATURDAY 11am – 4pm**

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Angus LEADER - rural project development-support and funding	Opportunities to fund your rural development project in Angus - for businesses, communities and agencies.
Person centred services in rural locations	TBC
Youth theatre in Scotland	We would like to facilitate a creative conversation around the development and delivery of exciting and innovative youth theatre practice in rural areas. We will (hopefully) have some participants or leaders who work in rural settings with us to talk about their work but also leave space for a discussion around the strengths, challenges and opportunities that are available in a rural context. Ultimately, we are keen to support the development of a robust and sustainable youth theatre sector in Scotland.
Women and the Distribution of Land	Discussion, exploration and sharing ideas with a view to building a campaign.
Scripts on Land Reform, Scotland.	<p>‘In the making of the film I first cast myself, then the interviewees, and now the viewer, in the role of researcher. We ask – what are the most important issues? Whose voice is the most important? How many people should we listen to? Whose voice is whose?’ - Pam van de Brug</p> <p>Scripts on land reform (Scotland) is an enquiry into the methods employed by researchers to communicate the narratives and conflicts associated with contemporary land use and land reform in Scotland. One of the outcomes is an 18-minute film which aims to generate conversation and contemplation on many of the important themes the film contains. As the debate on Scottish land management continues the intention is to show the work widely.</p> <p>Pam made the film as part of her masters course in Exhibition Design at Edinburgh Napier University. Throughout the process she met with researchers at the Centre for Mountain Studies at Perth College, University of the Highlands and Islands. Researchers provided access to their work, guidance on the themes of land management and took part in creative experiments.</p> <p>Following an introduction, the film will be screened then Pam will be joined by Scott Herrett, one of the researchers for a Q&amp;A.</p>
Dare to Dream	TRACS and the Scottish Storytelling Centre are developing a project as part of the Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design 2016. Dare to Dream is a collective act of dreaming a better future. “From 1st September to the 30th November 2016, The Scottish International Storytelling Festival invites you all as

	creative citizens to join us in the collective act of dreaming a better future. Which stories do you want to take with you, and which stories do you want to leave behind? What stories would you tell to the world today, from the future of your dreams?"
Scottish Islands Federation	An opportunity for island groups and those with an interest in the islands to get together, discuss some of the issues, ideas, learn a bit more about S.I.F and perhaps some feedback from the European Small Island Network.
Want Good Food Available Locally for All?	We want to create new access to good food locally and a sustainable supply chain involving farmers and eaters. We are a collective that works for each other. We want to canvas support, share the workload, set the priorities.
Rural Wisdom - Making Rural Communities Work Better For Older People	We are leading the Scottish branch of a new project to make rural areas work better for older people, alongside partners Volunteering Matters Cymru and the National Development Team for Inclusion. There are other initiatives in the UK and further afield which promote communities that work well for older people, however the focus for these tends to be in towns and cities. Through this project we will be having conversations about the challenges older people face within our rural communities and develop ways to find solutions and create opportunities for shared learning. We would like to use this workshop as a chance to engage those living and working in Scotland's rural areas with the project, share what we've been doing and use it as a way to help shape its development. The workshop will mainly involve interactive discussion with participants.
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