

A Rural  
Movement for  
Scotland



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# Our Objectives

SRA was set up in 2013 with 2 objectives:

- To encourage and actively support the development of an inclusive and sustainable Scottish rural movement that is rooted in Scotland's rural communities and empowers and connects them.
- To support the organisation of a Scottish Rural Parliament that meets with the purpose of giving a stronger, more coherent voice to Scotland's rural communities and enabling them to engage more effectively with government at all levels.



# Programme for Government

In the Programme for Government 2019-2020, Scottish Government commits to working with Scottish Rural Action and others to support the development of a rural movement that will engage with communities between rural parliaments to include a more diverse range of voices, including those in disadvantaged communities.



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## Future plans

The Scottish Rural Parliament is an established part of the rural scene

SRA will now devote its efforts to the development of the rural movement

Working with Scottish Government and other partners



# What is a rural movement?

Rural movements are civil society networks which mobilise and provide a voice for rural communities to:

- address their own futures
- support local action for local development
- celebrate rural identity and culture
- build local, national and international networks
- influence local, national and EU policy
- hold rural parliaments





# The European context



**25 national rural movements**

- Developed over 50 years

**European Rural Community Alliance**

- Scottish Rural Action is a partner

**European Rural Parliament**

- Scotland always participates



# A rural movement for Scotland

The purpose of a national rural movement is to reflect the diversity of voices, places and issues in Scotland's rural communities

A collaborative network and shared platform for the rural areas, their people and many organisations engaged in rural development



# Who would be involved?

## **At local level:**

The local and regional groups and organisations supporting local development

## **At national level:**

The many organisations supporting rural areas and different sectors of activity

## **In Government:**

Cross-departmental policy leads





# How will it happen?

Mapping of rural organisations and networks

Development of regional networks

Academic research

Regional workshops across rural Scotland

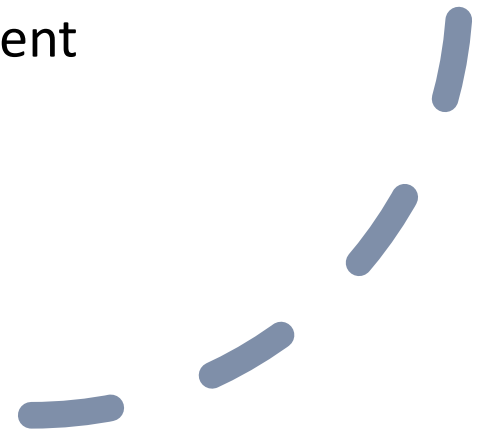
National Stakeholder events

1<sup>st</sup> Scottish Rural Youth Parliament

4<sup>th</sup> Scottish Rural Parliament

Scottish Rural Manifesto

Advocacy and co-production with Government



# Making it happen - our ideas

- What are your reactions to the ideas proposed?
- How could this kind of network be built at regional level?
- How could this kind of network be built at national level?
- What is the role of SRA?
- What is the role of Government?



# National stakeholder organisations

An Comunn Gaidhealach  
Cairngorms National Park Authority  
Carnegie UK  
Citizens Advice Scotland  
CODEL  
Community Energy Scotland  
Community Land Scotland  
Community Transport Association  
Community Woodlands Association  
Comunn na Gaidhlig  
Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA)  
Council of Ethnic Minority Voluntary Sector Organisations (CEMVO)  
Corra Foundation  
Countryside Alliance  
Crofting Federation  
Development Trusts Association Scotland  
Federation of Small Businesses  
Housing Associations

Inclusion Scotland  
James Hutton Institute  
Joint Community Councils of Moray  
LGBTI networks/Stonewall  
Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park  
Migrant Forum/Network  
National Farmers Union Scotland  
National Park Authorities  
Nourish  
Plunkett Foundation  
Rural Housing Scotland  
Rural Leadership Programme  
Rural Practitioners Association Scotland  
Rural Youth Project  
Scotland's Regeneration Forum SURF  
Scottish Association of Young Farmers  
Scottish Chamber of Commerce  
Scottish Churches Rural Group  
Scottish Community Alliance  
Scottish Community Development Centre  
Scottish Countryside Alliance

Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO)  
Scottish Crofting Federation  
Scottish Environment Link  
Scottish Fishermen's Federation  
Scottish Food & Drink Federation  
Scottish Islands Federation  
Scottish Land & Estates  
Scottish Rural Action  
Scottish Tenant Farmers Association  
Scottish Tourism Alliance  
Scottish Women's Convention (inc. Scottish Women's Rural Institute, Engender, Women's Aid)  
Scottish Youth Parliament  
Scottish Islands Federation  
Scottish Rural College SRUC  
Smart Villages Scotland  
Voluntary Arts Scotland  
Young Crofters  
Young Scot

# Regional organisations

Third Sector Interfaces  
Councils for Voluntary Service  
Community Council Networks  
Local Rural Partnerships  
Community Planning Partnerships  
Health & social care partnerships  
Rural Housing Associations  
LEADER LAGs  
Social Enterprise Networks  
Chambers of Commerce  
Business Associations  
Tourist Associations  
Regional level associations  
Biosphere Reserves  
Geoparks  
Dark Sky Parks

# Local organisations

Community Councils	Arts groups
Community Associations	Disabilities groups
Community Development Trusts	Elder citizens groups
Community Energy Trusts	Environmental groups
Community Land Trusts	Faith groups
Community Woodland Trusts	Housing groups
Community Hubs	Sports groups
Hall Committees	Social clubs
Grazings committees	Transition groups
Business associations	Women's groups
Tourism associations	Youth groups
Fishermen's associations	
Farming associations	
Health care providers	
Schools	

# ***“All Sweden shall live”***

## **The structure of a rural movement**

