Scottish Rural Action: 2020
Conference and AGM

Wednesday 26th February

11.30am: Arrivals and start of local visits.
Buses will be ready to go to the visits from New Lanark. Choose from one of the following:

- **Castlebank Park and Horticultural Centre** - Local volunteers have worked since 2012 to reclaim a dilapidated site that is now a lovely park with a café and has recently started horticultural training programmes on site.
- **Clydesdale Community Initiative** - CCI is a social enterprise that supports individuals to improve their health and well-being and increase their skills and confidence. The founder will be one of our speakers on day two.
- **Rural Development Trust** - RDT provides amongst other things a community centred transport project focussing on Rural Communities. The enterprise is expanding into electric buses.
- **New Lanark WHS complete tour** - New Lanark World Heritage Site is one of only 6 UNESCO sites in Scotland and is a unique 18th-century mill village. See how villagers lived, learned and worked.

1.30pm: Lunch and networking

2.25pm - 3.45pm: Speakers – Introduced by Vanessa Halhead, Acting Chair of SRA
- Address from Fergus Ewing MSP, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy
- Welcome to Lanarkshire from Kenny Lean, South Lanarkshire Council
- Robin McAlpine of Common Weal on the Green New Deal

3.45pm – 4.15pm: Break

4.15pm – 5.15pm: Workshops, choose one of the following:
- Developing a Rural Movement
- Re-population
- Climate Change
- Funding

7pm for 7.30pm: Gala dinner. Welcome by South Lanarkshire Provost, Cllr Ian McAllan

9.30pm: Finish. Buses to and from off-site hotels will be available.
Thursday 27th February

8am: Breakfast and optional walk to the Falls of Clyde

9.15am – 11am: Speakers – Introduced by Vanessa Halhead, Acting Chair of SRA
  • Katherine Trebeck, Wellbeing Alliance on Rural Economy and Inclusive Growth
  • Niall McShannon, Managing Director of CCI Ltd (Clydesdale Community Initiative) talking about why he started a social enterprise, who they do it for and why they bought a farm!

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  • Climate Change
  • Funding

1.15pm – 2.30pm: Lunch and networking

2.30pm – 3pm: Plenary
  • Summary from workshops
  • What next? The Rural Movement
  • Close of Conference

3pm – 3.15pm: Break

3.15pm – 4pm: Scottish Rural Action AGM

4pm: Finish. Buses to bus and train stations in Larkhall and Lanark will be available.

For more information about this event please contact Martin McManus on 07551 439 622 or e-mail martin@sra.scot.