

# Scottish Rural Action: 2020 Conference and AGM



Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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**

- Welcome to Lanarkshire from Kenny Lean, South Lanarkshire Council
- Robin McAlpine of Common Weal on the Green New Deal
- 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!

### **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 27<sup>th</sup> February

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

**9.15am – 11am: Speakers – Introduced by Vanessa Halhead, Acting Chair of SRA**

- Address from Fergus Ewing MSP, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy
- Katherine Trebeck, Wellbeing Alliance on Rural Economy and Inclusive Growth

**11am – 11.30am: Break**

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**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.**

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