

## 2020 SCOTTISH CONFERENCE PROGRAMME, ONLINE, 27 OCTOBER

### LAND USE IN SCOTLAND: CHANGES, CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

6th October - Pre-conference Talk - Upland Issues and Solutions by Professor Roger Crofts

Followed by Scotland Annual Members' Meeting and Pre-conference Networking. Book [here](#)

<b>09:00</b>	<b>Log on to Zoom &amp; hear from the sponsors</b>
<b>09:25</b>	<b>Welcome and Introduction by Max Wade CEcol CEnv FCIEEM, CIEEM President</b>
<b>Session 1. Key Issues in the Scottish Uplands (Chair: TBC)</b>	
<b>09:30</b>	<b>Keynote: Delivering Landscape-scale Afforestation in the UK's Largest National Park</b> Dr David Hetherington, Cairngorms National Park Authority
<b>09:50</b>	<b>Addressing Upland Agricultural and Environmental Challenges</b> Professor Davy McCracken, SRUC: Scotland's Rural College
<b>10:10</b>	<b>Permanent Preservation for the Benefit of the Nation: Changing Patterns of Land Use Management in the National Trust for Scotland</b> Diarmid Hearn, The National Trust for Scotland
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Windfarms: Everything but Turbines</b> Peter Robson CEnv MCIEEM, Scottish Power Renewables
<b>10:50</b>	<b>Q &amp; A session</b>
<b>11:05</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>Session 2. Large-Scale Initiatives (Chair: Caroline McParland, CEnv MCIEEM, Vice-President, CIEEM Scotland)</b>	
<b>11:30</b>	<b>Cairngorms Connect: The Biggest Habitat Restoration Project in Britain</b> Jeremy Roberts, Cairngorms Connect
<b>11:50</b>	<b>Targeting &amp; Delivering Nature Based Initiatives in the Tweed Catchment</b> Professor Chris Spray MCIEEM & Dr Derek Robeson CEnv MCIEEM, University of Dundee & Tweed Forum
<b>12:10</b>	<b>Regional Strategic Woodland Creation Project: Exploring Opportunities for Creating New Woodland in the Landscape</b> Dr Andy Tharme MCIEEM & Louise Payne, Scottish Borders Council and Scottish Forestry
<b>12:30</b>	<b>Q &amp; A session</b>
<b>12:45</b>	<b>Poster session &amp; speed talks</b>
<b>13:00</b>	<b>Lunch and from 13:45 another chance to hear from sponsors</b>

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#### Session 3. Linear Infrastructure - Strategic and Collaborative Design (Chair: TBC)

**14:00** | Avoiding Biodiversity Losses on Linear Electricity Routes  
Dr Francis Williams MCIEEM, SSEN Transmission

**14:20** | **The Leven Programme and New Rail Link – Partnership Working for Multiple Benefits**  
Dr Joanna Girvan, Forth Rivers Trust

**14:40** | **A9 Dualling (Northern Section) – Realising the Benefits of Environmentally Led Design**  
Sarah Kydd CECOL MCIEEM & Stephen Bacon, AMJV

**15:00** | Break

#### Session 4. Governance, Engagement and Empowerment (Chair: TBC)

**15:30** | **Making Decisions About the Land: Examples Across Scotland of Different Governance Models**  
Dr Nicole Ponta & Harriet Donald, ETH Zurich (Switzerland) & Scottish Land Commission

**15:50** | **Engagement and Empowerment for Successful Solutions in Land Management**  
Lisa Chilton, Dialogue Matters

**16:10** | **Langholm Moor Community Buyout**  
Kevin Cumming, The Langholm Initiative

**16:30** | **Summary and Close by Professor Roger Crofts FCIEEM**

**16:40** | **Post Conference Networking**