

EVENT



# Scotland Rural

Rural Powering Progress: Energizing Rural Scotland's Future

Leonardo Boutique Hotel Huntingtower, Perth, Scotland

Thursday 3rd October 2024





### Type of event

Face to face



### CPD Hours

5.5  
Formal

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The return of our Scottish Rural Conference promises to provide unrivalled insight into the key challenges and success stories of Scotland rural landscape. This agenda is crafted to offer delegates the skills and knowledge to tackle any obstacle thrown at them. Don't miss out on this opportunity to network with fellow industry professionals and create important collaborations.

Our programme will explore the latest legislation impacting the rural sector, exploring the Land Reform Bill and its progress through parliament. We will begin with Dr Bob McIntosh CBE the tenant farming commissioner by examining the bills implications for agricultural holdings and tenant farming. Following this, Hamish Trench, Chief Executive of the Scottish Land Commission will join us to speak on the remainder of the bill and the impact it will have on sector.

Sessions will also explore the incredible success of Scotland's renewable sector, providing real world examples of solutions to the globe's ongoing energy crisis. As well as understanding the current state of the natural and built environment in the nation and priorities for planning and development going forward.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn the skills necessary to push forward in 2024 and hear about the incredible success stories around rural Scotland.

## Time zone:

GMT

8:30

### Registration and Coffee

9:30

### Chair's opening remarks

Mhairi A. Robertson MRICS, Land Manager, SSEN Transmission

9:40

### Agricultural holdings and tenant farming update

The programme will kick off with an essential update from the Land Reform Bill, specifically looking into sections of the bill affecting agricultural holdings and tenant farmers. Tenant farming remains a huge part of Scotland's economy and our expert speaker will discuss the latest developments regarding the relationship between landowners and tenant farmers. Speaker(s): Dr Bob McIntosh, Tenant Farming Commissioner, Scottish Land Commission

10:20

### Exploring the Land Reform Bill

The second session of the day will consider other parts of the Land Reform Bill, pointing out areas of particular interest for Scotland's rural sector and the wider context of land reform. Exploring the range of new measures including new powers on land transactions and obligations for large land holdings for community engagement and land management plans and a Q&A session to help delve into the areas of most interest to delegates.

Speaker(s): Hamish Trench, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Land Commission

11:00

### Coffee break and networking

# Programme



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### Rural Land Market Insights

By exploring the latest insights into the rural land market, our speaker will provide an extensive overview of where market performance is showing Scotland's rural sector is heading. Investigating various aspects of the rural economy such as, motivators for buying and selling land and the influence of natural capital and agricultural support on land prices, we are able to discuss various predictions for future trends in the region.

12:00

### Planning and development in rural Scotland

This session allows delegates to get up to date with the latest developments in Scotland's planning system. Our speaker will explain the latest regulatory updates, guidelines for surveyors across the region, and how these developments are affecting developments across the nation. Exploring a variety of areas such as: Housing, Infrastructure, Utilities

12:50

### Lunch

### Second session chair

John Hillis MRICS, Managing Director, Blackhall & Powis

13:50

### Tax Update

An overview of current tax reforms (budget and beyond), a VAT update, the base period reform, and taxation of carbon credits



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14:20

### **The future for renewable energy in Scotland**

Scotland continues to make great progress in the renewable energy sector, through on and offshore wind, hydropower, carbon storage and a host of other technologies. This session provides an update and overview of ongoing activities in this space  
Speaker: Clare Mack, Chief Executive, Scottish Renewables

15:10

### **Coffee break and networking**

15:40

### **Energy efficiency in rural properties and preserving Scottish heritage**

The Scottish built environment has been subject to a variety of changes in recent years due to a number of factors including economic instability, regulatory changes and the ever-present issue of energy and climate change. Our speaker will set the scene and provide an overview of these changes, investigating the Heat in Building Bill, changes to EPC and advice around retrofitting rural properties.  
Speaker(s): Dr Moses Jenkins, Senior Technical Officer, Historic Environment Scotland

16:20

### **Ministerial Update - Agricultural support in Scotland**

Our final session will see us joined by Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity MSP Jim Fairlie talking on how financial support has changed since Brexit, exploring what is available and the conditions needed to qualify for a variety of financial incentives.  
Speaker: Jim Fairlie MSP, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity

16:50

### **Closing Remarks**



## Delivering confidence

We are RICS. Everything we do is designed to effect positive change in the built and natural environments. Through our respected global standards, leading professional progression and our trusted data and insight, we promote and enforce the highest professional standards in the development and management of land, real estate, construction and infrastructure. Our work with others provides a foundation for confident markets, pioneers better places to live and work and is a force for positive social impact.

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