

# Peatland Connections: Building Prosperity

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct: Rural Economy & Peatlands

TIME	SESSION TITLE
9:30am – 12pm	<b>Peatlands Place in the Uplands</b> <i>SRUC Kirkton &amp; Auchtertyre Demonstration Farm</i> Special event from the Heather Trust and SRUC. Book separately.
11am – 1pm	<b>Registration</b>
11:30am – 12:30pm	<b>Year of Young People Reception</b> For delegates aged 18-26
1pm – 1:30pm	<b>Welcome</b>
1:30pm – 3pm	<b>Plenary:</b> A policy framework to support rural economy and deliver peatland benefits
3pm – 3:15pm	<b>Address from Minister (TBC)</b>
3:15pm – 3:30pm	<b>Refreshment Break</b>
3:30pm – 4:30pm	<b>Parallel Session One:</b> Exploring the relationship between food and drink, and a sustainable environment
	<b>Parallel Session Two:</b> Evaluating public attitudes to peatlands
4:30pm – 5:30pm	<b>Parallel Session Three:</b> The importance of local community in a thriving and sustainable environment
	<b>Parallel Session Four:</b> Quantifying peatlands benefits
5:30pm – 7pm	<b>Free Time</b>
7pm – 7:30pm	<b>Drinks Reception</b> (Invites only)
7:30pm – 11pm	<b>Formal Dinner</b>

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct: Public Engagement

TIME	SESSION TITLE
9am – 9:30am	<b>Registration</b>
9:30am – 10am	<b>Welcome and Logistics</b>
10am – 10:30am	<b>Collect pack lunches and those on full day visits depart</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Trust for Scotland Ben Lomond</li> <li>More to come...</li> </ul>
10:30am – 11:30am	<b>Plenary:</b> Phasing out peat: progress to date
11:30am – 12:30pm	<b>Parallel Session One:</b> Making nature tourism work
	<b>Parallel Session Two:</b> Inspiring people in our natural environment through history
12:30pm – 12:45pm	<b>Delegates on half day visits depart</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RSPB Loch Lomond</li> <li>More to come...</li> </ul>
5pm – 7:30pm	<b>Poster Session</b> To include special showings of <i>How peatland restoration in Scotland contributes to climate change mitigation - a Virtual Reality film.</i>
7:30pm – 9pm	<b>BBQ and Evening Entertainment</b>
9pm – 11pm	<b>Ceilidh</b> The Reel Fling

## 4<sup>th</sup> Oct: Conservation & Land Management

TIME	SESSION TITLE
8:30am – 9am	<b>Registration</b>
9am – 9:45am	<b>Plenary:</b> UK Peatland Strategy and four country highlights
9:45am – 10:45am	<b>Plenary:</b> Land management to provide public benefits
10:45am – 11am	<b>Refreshment Break</b>
11am – 12pm	<b>Parallel Session One:</b> Innovation in peatland restoration with Peatland Action (SNH)
	<b>Parallel Session Two:</b> State of UK peatlands and monitoring
12pm – 1pm	<b>Parallel Session Three:</b> The practicalities: Peatland Action (SNH) discuss setting up a large-scale restoration programme
	<b>Parallel Session Four:</b> Managing at a catchment-scale
1pm – 1:45pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1:45pm – 2:45pm	<b>Parallel Session Five:</b> A good practice guide to peatland restoration
	<b>Parallel Session Six:</b> Planning for the future: land management and climate change
2:45pm – 3pm	<b>Refreshment Break</b>
3pm – 3:30pm	<b>Plenary:</b> The bigger picture: an international perspective
3:30pm – 4pm	<b>Plenary:</b> Where from here – next steps