

Rural Housing | Strengthening Communities

Draft Programme | Friday 26 February 2015 | Birnam Arts & Conference Centre

09.00 **Conference Registration | Coffee + Tea**

09.45 **Welcome**

Alastair Cameron, Convenor, Rural Housing Scotland

10.00 **Rural Housing Strengthening Communities | Ministerial Address**
Margaret Burgess MSP, Minister for Housing & Welfare

10.40 **Affordable Housing Need in Rural Scotland**
Dr Ed Ferrari

11.10 **Coffee + Tea**

11.30 **Conference Workshops**
Tackling Rural Empty Homes
Gavin Leask, Scottish Empty Homes Partnership
Land Reform Bill - a step forward or an opportunity missed?
Dr Madhu Satsangi / Prof. David Adams (tbc)
Community Lettings - meeting local need
Lucy Robertson, Craigforth

12.30 **Community Resilience**
Prof. Sarah Skerratt, Rural Policy Centre, SRUC

13.00 **Lunch**

14.00 **Conference Workshops**
Generation Rent
Kim McKee, University of St. Andrews / Jodi MacLeod, Our Island Home
Scottish Land Fund 3
Neil Ritch, Deputy Director Scotland, Big Lottery Fund
Working with landowners - delivering housing through partnership
Richard Heggie, Urban Animation

15.00 **Scottish Parliament Election 2016 | Rural Housing Hustings**
RISE | Scottish Conservative Party | Scottish Green Party
Scottish Labour Party | Scottish Liberal Democrats | Scottish National Party

16.00 **Close | Coffee + Tea**

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