

Land Use Strategy discussion workshops

The development of Scotland's first Land Use Strategy offers a landmark opportunity for you to have your say on the way Scotland's land is used for generations to come. How can Scotland produce enough food, develop its renewable energy capacity and protect its iconic landscapes and habitats?

Your voice counts. That's why we're inviting you to attend one of the discussion workshops for developing the Scottish Government's Land Use Strategy.

A full, statutory consultation on the draft Strategy will follow later this year, but we are keen at this vital early stage to shape the draft with your help. Further details on the Land Use Strategy are available at www.scotland.gov.uk/landusestrategy, where you can also post comments.

Workshops are taking place across Scotland. Unless noted otherwise, each event opens 6:30pm for 7pm start, ending 9pm.

Monday 15 March – **Gatehouse of Fleet** – Murray Arms Hotel
Wednesday 17 March – **Edinburgh** – Scottish Government, Victoria Quay – opens 9am for 9:30am start, ending 2pm
Thursday 18 March – **Hawick** – Town Hall
Monday 22 March – **Inverness** – Tulloch Caledonian Stadium
Tuesday 23 March – **Aberdeen** – Pittodrie Stadium
Wednesday 24 March – **Oban** – Caledonian Hotel – opens 1:30pm for 2pm start, ending 4pm
Thursday 25 March – **Perth** – Dewars Centre
Monday 29 March – **Stornoway** – Caberfeidh Hotel
Tuesday 30 March – **Kirkwall** – Town Hall
Wednesday 31 March – **Lerwick** – Shetland Museum

Senior officials from the Scottish Government or Scottish Ministers will attend each event, and explain the work underway on the Strategy. The discussions will focus on the key issues to be addressed in the Land Use Strategy, offering the opportunity to bring different perspectives to the debate. Key points from the proceedings will be recorded and summary notes posted on the website; this material will be used to develop the draft Strategy.

Please note that the Edinburgh event will have a longer running time, providing an opportunity for those who wish to take part in a more extended discussion.

If you wish to register, please reply to Allan Fraser at allan.fraser@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or on 0131 244 7726, noting your chosen event. When you register, please feel free to tell us of any key issues or questions you think should be covered at the workshops.

Please note that, as space may be limited, we cannot guarantee a place at the workshops unless you have registered. Early responses would be appreciated to help us with planning. Please cascade this notice to others in your organisation if appropriate, and feel free to forward to any others who you think may be interested.

The events are free, with teas and coffees provided. Further event details will be provided upon registration.

Kind regards,

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