

Community Land and Buildings

- Exploring the Opportunities

A Community Networking Seminar

Thursday 12 March 2015 10.30 am – 3.30 pm Volunteer Hall, Galashiels

Programme

10.30 am **Arrival with tea and coffee**

11 am **Welcome and opening remarks**

11.05 am **First session speakers**

Nicky Donald, DTAS Community Ownership Support Service

Experience and examples of community led regeneration through ownership of land and buildings

Charlie Hogg, Scottish Government

Policy context: Land Reform, Community Empowerment Bill and Government targets.

Heather Holmes, Scottish Government Community Assets Branch

An introduction to the Community Right to Buy

Alastair Jackson, Big Lottery Fund

An insight in to Lottery funds for land and buildings projects

Catherine Francis, Scottish Land Fund Adviser, South Scotland

Funding your land acquisition through the Scottish Land Fund

12.30 pm **Question Time**

An opportunity to put questions to the speakers.

- 12.50 pm** **Introduction to the afternoon workshop sessions**
Each of the afternoon sessions will be led by a member of a community group involved in taking ownership of and/or running assets. Here, they'll each have one minute to tell you why you should attend *their* session!
- 1 pm** **Networking lunch**
Including a market place with local support agencies

AFTERNOON

- 1.50 pm** **Workshops – session one**
Sign up for sessions at lunchtime. Each session will run twice
- 1. Alan Donald, Gordon Community Woodland Association**
Managing a community woodland – what difference does it make?
- 2. Jan Pringle Hub Project Manager, Burnfoot Community Futures**
Developing a community hub – the challenges and rewards
- 3. Lawrence Robertson, Midlem Village Hall**
The journey to land purchase
- 4. Margaret Sweetnam, Selkirk Playpark Project**
Success through networking and community engagement
- 2.35 pm** **Workshops – session two (as above)**
- 3.20 pm** **Closing remarks**
- 3.30 pm** **Close**