

CROFT WOODLANDS CONFERENCE

9th and 10th May 2019

Boat of Garten Community Hall

Day 1

Thursday 9th May Chaired by Patrick Krause, Scottish Crofting Federation

- 1000 Registration & coffee
- 1030 Opening address - Beccy Speight, CEO Woodland Trust.
- 1050 The origins of Crofter Forestry - Calum MacDonald, Point & Sandwick Trust, and Bill Ritchie <https://thewoodlandtrust.sharefile.eu/d-sabd269e054b47218>
- 1120 **Break**
- 1130 Upland Agroforestry, Trees & Livestock - Andrew Barbour
<https://thewoodlandtrust.sharefile.eu/d-s42de6e415354bbda>
- 1200 Scotland's Forestry Strategy – Jo O'Hara, CEO Scottish Forestry
<https://thewoodlandtrust.sharefile.eu/d-s1804dfa574c48268>
- 12.15 Cairngorms National Park Forest Strategy - Will Boyd Wallis, CNPA
<https://thewoodlandtrust.sharefile.eu/d-scb468d4bb724a23b>
- 1230 **Lunch**

Day 2

Friday 10th May Chaired by Amanda Bryan, University of the Highlands and Islands

- 0930 Opening address - Fergus Ewing MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy
- 1000 Croft Woodlands Project – Project Team & John Risby, Scottish Forestry
<https://thewoodlandtrust.sharefile.eu/d-sdc9ce9663b8481bb>
- 1045 Launch of 'The Highlands and Islands Woodland Handbook' – Bernard Planterose
<https://thewoodlandtrust.sharefile.eu/d-se5c562408d548b09>
<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/publications/2019/05/highlands-and-islands-woodlands-handbook/>
- 1100 Break
- 1130 Woodland Regeneration and Farming in SW Norway – Duncan Halley, Norwegian Institute for Nature Research
<https://www.nina.no/english/Fields-of-research/Projects/Land-use-in-Norway-and-Scotland>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p067zfl9> (programme about 'Landbruk')
- 1215 Coigach & Assynt Living Landscape – Elaine MacAskill, CALL/Woodland Trust
<https://thewoodlandtrust.sharefile.eu/d-se5eaa56e0e6424eb>
- 1230 Discussion & closing remarks – Michael Foxley

Croft Woodlands Conference – Workshops

RED GROUP		ROOM	
Workshop 1 1330-1415	A. Meet the crofter - Hebridean Ark, Lewis	Main Hall	David Murdo Mackay introduces the community-led Hebridean Ark project, growing seed and cuttings of local genetic stock to produce trees uniquely adapted to the island environment. https://thewoodlandtrust.sharefile.eu/d-s8670eaa215947abb
	B. Meet the crofter - Cogle Wood, Caithness	Lounge	Ros Nash relates the journey that she and her husband Rob have made to create a woodland croft on 12 hectares of plantation conifer in Caithness, and establish a flourishing woodfuel business. https://thewoodlandtrust.sharefile.eu/d-sfa78b9cabb348d69
	C. Where are the flowers?	Board Room	Kate Holl (Scottish Natural Heritage) compares woods in Scotland, France, Norway and Iceland looking at how woodland flowers and understory can develop when grazing pressure is limited. https://thewoodlandtrust.sharefile.eu/d-s948f23ebfa8414ab
Workshop 2 1415-1500	A. Meet the crofter - Knockfarrel Produce, Ross-shire	Board Room	Jo Hunt and Lorna Walker produce organic food on their croft. Jo explains how and why they established a 10ha woodland to deliver shelter, carbon sequestration, wild harvest, biodiversity, and high quality timber. https://thewoodlandtrust.sharefile.eu/d-s5f059c507794d38a
	B. Practical planting in challenging conditions	Lounge	Donnie Chisholm is a former Croft Woodland Project Adviser. A crofter from Wester Ross, he discusses the trials, tribulations and tricks of tree planting on poor soil and in exposed locations.
	C. Mycorrhizal Fungi and Trees	Main Hall	Andy Taylor (James Hutton Institute) looks at the vital role of mycorrhizae, beneficial fungi which grow in association with roots, and discusses the practical implications for growing healthy trees. https://thewoodlandtrust.sharefile.eu/d-sd7593b036464318a
BLUE GROUP		ROOM	
Workshop 1 1600-1645	A. Meet the crofter- Baleveolan Croft, Lismore	Main Hall	Mike Hyatt and Claire Howarth describe their diverse croft enterprise, which includes a bunkhouse, a tea plantation, an organic garden, a poultry business, an orchard, and about 5000 young trees https://thewoodlandtrust.sharefile.eu/d-sf7db392e27840a68
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	C. myForest - woodland management support	Lounge	Paul Orsi (Silva Foundation) introduces my Forest, an on-line tool for woodland mapping and management planning, also the new Woodland Wildlife Toolkit, which provides advice on managing woodlands for wildlife. https://thewoodlandtrust.sharefile.eu/d-s2c629560a804e87a
Workshop 2 1645-1730	A. Meet the crofter - Burravoe, Shetland	Board Room	Andrew Hall has planted several areas on woodland on his in-by-land. He discusses the process of applying for forestry grant funding, and explains how trees benefit his tourism enterprise and his livestock https://thewoodlandtrust.sharefile.eu/d-s9b4011c97c44d208 Paul Goddard of Shetland Amenity Trust will give an overview of woodland on Shetland https://thewoodlandtrust.sharefile.eu/d-s6d6cff61f124977b
	B. Woodland Crofts and Housing	Lounge	Jamie McIntyre (Woodland Crofts Partnership), Ronnie MacRae (Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust) and Bernard Planterose (Northwoods Construction) discuss how woodland crofting can support livelihoods and provide places to live. https://thewoodlandtrust.sharefile.eu/d-s694349d9e2a415ca
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