

MLWW / CWA Conference 2017 - Westerwood Hotel, Cumbernauld

Draft Schedule

Friday 20 October 2017	
12.30	Registration opens We will have a range of networking events and activities to break the ice and welcome delegates, and our marketplace area will be open. A buffet lunch will be available from 1pm
2.00	Conference welcome and introductions: Jon Hollingdale, CWA
2.10	Neil Ritch, Deputy Director for Scotland, Big Lottery Fund
2.25	Two short films featuring MLWW groups, introduced by Stewart Boyle
2.40	Inspirational Woodland Social Enterprise: Rob Borruso, Kilfinan Community Forest Company, Argyll <i>Kilfinan CFC owns 560ha of Acharossan Forest purchased from Forestry Commission Scotland in 2010 and 2015. In addition to timber harvesting, forest school and improved recreation provision KCFC has carried out a wide range of developments, including allotments & community composting, sawmill & firewood processing facility and a 75kW hydro scheme. A forest centre is under construction and KCFC is developing affordable housing proposals: the first plots have just been made available to self-builders.</i>
3.05	Inspirational Woodland Social Enterprise: Steve Donagain, Hill Holt Wood, Lincolnshire <i>Hill Holt Wood provides a wide range of services including education and training for 14-19 year olds, adult education courses in the woodland and countryside and forestry management. Other initiatives include Design:hhw, an innovative approach to architecture and design, whilst the magnificent Wood Hall, is available for weddings, parties, corporate events and social functions.</i>
3.30	Coffee break
3.50	Workshops, including:
	Woodfuel – logistics, management and marketing: Chris Marsh, CWA <i>Chris has worked for and with a number of Scottish community woodland groups before and during the Making Local Woods Work project. He will summarise the variety of ways/means which community groups have employed to start and successfully develop their woodfuel interests and lead into an interactive discussion session with participants able to contribute thoughts, ideas, questions and experiences to leave more informed, confident and inspired about 'firewooding'.</i>
	Adding value to homegrown timber: Dougal Driver, Grown in Britain <i>What resources do we have in our woodlands? and how can we make use of them to produce a wide and diverse array of products that people and markets want to buy? This workshop looks at the management of woodland and examines the timber supply chain, why it is important, the range of products that can be produced and how we can add value to them.</i>
	Accessing social finance: Pauline Hinchion, Scottish Community Re:investment Trust <i>The Scottish Community Re: Investment Trust works with communities across Scotland to create 'Community Loan Funds' that lend to local community businesses and organisations at low cost. The workshop will outline the range of social finance options available, including crowdfunding, microfinance and community reinvestment funds, and explain the opportunities and requirements of each.</i>
	Health and well-being initiatives: Suzann Barr & Roni Smith, Abriachan Forest Trust <i>Abriachan Forest Trust bought 534ha from the Forestry Commission in 1998 which is managed for a wide range of economic, environmental and social outcomes. This interactive workshop will highlight the Roots to Resilience AFT use as the umbrella for their health and wellbeing programme, working with different hard to reach groups, all ages, needs and vulnerabilities, and discuss the process of relationship-building with NHS and other statutory bodies.</i>
	Volunteering: Seeing the wood for the trees: George Thomson, CEO Volunteer Scotland <i>George Thomson CEO Volunteer Scotland will lead a virtual walk through the wood of volunteering in a participative workshop. We'll explore the whole picture and abundance of volunteering, and how we might see beyond the scarcity mindset and fallen trees that are limiting us.</i>
5.00	Round-up and reflections on the day
5.20	CWA AGM, networking, marketplace
7.00	Conference dinner, followed by ceilidh

Saturday 21 October 2017	
9.00	Registration
9.20	Saturday welcome: James Alcock, Plunkett Foundation
9.30	Presentation: Jo Brooks, Eden-Rose Coppice Trust, Suffolk <i>Eden-Rose gives cancer patients, their families, volunteers, care givers and nurses an opportunity to escape, reflect and connect with nature. The charity also focuses on those living with mobility, health and disability problems, especially young people and those limited by age who help maintain the retreat for palliative care visitors.</i>
9.45	Presentation: Zena Wilmot, Coetiroedd Dyfi Woodlands, Powys <i>Set up in 2010 to deliver outdoor volunteering, land and learning programmes, Coetiroedd Dyfi Woodlands is a collective of experienced woodland practitioners specialising in social forestry, outdoor learning and woodland management which helps people of all ages to develop a deeper understanding of the natural environment.</i>
10.00	Presentation: Lorna Schofield, Knoydart Forest Trust, Highland <i>Knoydart Forest Trust was established in 1999 and manages 800ha of woodland on behalf of Knoydart Foundation and other landowners on the Knoydart peninsula. Milled timber and firewood is produced and sold locally and they have developed a range of small wood products through the trading subsidiary Wood Knoydart. KFT have built and maintain a network of paths and tracks, and other features and guided walks are available in the summer.</i>
10.25	Workshops, including:
	Sharing the lessons from MLWW: Anna Lawrence & team <i>MLWW is breaking new ground, trialling new ways of supporting woodland social enterprises to break through bottlenecks and lift their enterprise to the next level. Some things have worked well, others might be improved. This is your chance to reflect and share – what should the next iteration of MLWW look like? This workshop is for MLWW groups – we hope to see at least one person per group.</i>
	Woodfuel – logistics, management and marketing: Chris Marsh (repeated from Friday)
	Health and well-being initiatives: Suzann Barr & Roni Smith (repeated from Friday)
	Good governance for social enterprises: Mark Walton, Shared Assets <i>Shared Assets provides practical advice, support and training to landowners and communities who want to manage land as a sustainable and productive asset. The workshop will discuss the principles and practicalities of governance for social enterprises, from the key considerations when choosing a legal structure, what constitutes good governance, and some common issues such as managing risk and conflicts of interest.</i>
	Hutting: Donald McPhillimy & Ninian Stuart, Reforesting Scotland <i>The Thousand Huts campaign promotes huts and hutting: the building and enjoyment of simple structures (usually wooden) for living, working and recreation in the countryside. The workshop will describe the significant progress made to date in Scotland and explore how hutting can interact with community woodlands and woodland social enterprises across the UK.</i>
11.30	Coffee break
11.50	Interactive session focused on initial outcomes from evaluation, future support and development needs and including round up and reflection on day
13.00	Lunch
14.00	Optional: site visits to a range of local woodland groups and enterprises (to 4pm),
	Beechbrae <i>Beechbrae, one of the Scottish MLWW pilot groups, is based at Beechbrae Wood in Blackridge, West Lothian. They offer healthy, tasty, high quality, home grown produce created through sensitive use of the land and give training to show people better ways of using the land.</i>
	Twechar Healthy Living & Enterprise Centre <i>Twechar Healthy Living and Enterprise Centre is a community hub which houses a full time pharmacy, a satellite GP surgery, café, sports hall and meeting rooms. They are at the heart of the Twechar community and host a vast range of activities and services, including a gardening and landscaping business.</i>
	Galgael Trust <i>GalGael, in Govan, provides learning experiences anchored in practical activities that offer purpose and meaning. They build traditional boats, produce a range of small craft items & make bespoke furniture.</i>
14.00	Optional: discussion groups at Westerwood to 3pm