



UHI Integrated Land Use conference 2025

'The role of Land Management in tackling the Biodiversity Crisis'

Carrbridge Hotel - Carrbridge

Tuesday 25th March 2025

- 09:30 – 10:30 Registration
10:30 – 11:00 Introduction & welcome – Su Bryan – (UHI Dean of Faculty)
11:00 – 11:15 Group allocation
11:30 Minibuses depart from hotel to Dalnahaitnach
- 12:00 – 15:45 Field session (2 groups to rotate between 2 sessions)
- Rewilding: past reintroduction evaluation, recent reintroduction and future reintroduction including invertebrates. The butterfly effect!
 - Progress on natural regeneration, work to protect capercaillie, deer management, also riparian planting and river restoration.
- 16:00 Minibuses depart field site to hotel
- 16:15 – 16:45 Coffee & tea break
- 16:45 – 17:45 Talk: Challenging the status quo - Peter Cairns – SCOTLAND: The big picture
- 17:45 – 19:00 Free time
19:00 – 21:00 Dinner

Wednesday 26th March 2025

- 09:00 – 09:15 Opening information
09:15 – 09:45 Talk: How research in Biodiversity fits into the wider picture and influence policies - Roxane Andersen – UHI Environmental Research Institute
- 10:00 Minibuses depart from hotel to Dalnahaitnach
- 10:30 – 14:15 Field session (2 groups to rotate between 2 sessions)
- Biodiversity linking peatland/catchment management/wild fisheries
 - "Wild Tree" concept and survey to highlight the presence of biodiversity hotspot in the landscape and how these can be used as a resource to encourage natural regeneration
- 14:30 Minibuses depart field site to hotel



14:45 – 15:30 Coffee and tea break

15:30 – 16:00 Talk: The biodiversity benefits of community land ownership - Mike Daniels (UHI) and Josh Doble (Community Land Scotland)

16:00 – 17:30 Open debate - Biodiversity credits and green finance - Roxane Andersen (UHI Environmental Research Institute), Will Andreson (Seafield and Strathspey Estates), Graham Neville (NatureScot), Josh Doble (Community Land Scotland), Mike Daniels (UHI), SSE Renewables and SSE Transmission.

17:30 – 19:00 Free time

19:00 – 21:00 Dinner

Thursday 27th March 2025

09:15 – 09:30 Opening information

09:30 – 10:00 Talk: Trade-off between tourism (social behaviour) and biodiversity - Colin Simpson - Cairngorm National Park Authority

10:00 – 10:30 Talk: Effect of social media on the outdoor – Laura Brown – Hill and Haar

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee and tea break

11:00 – 12:15 Student group discussion

12:15 – 12:30 Closing comments

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch, Networking opportunity & departure