



SURF

Scotland's Independent Regeneration Network

Sustaining and Reinventing Community Regeneration

**The SURF 2010 Annual Conference
Wednesday 24th – Thursday 25th March, Edinburgh**



Key speakers confirmed so far include:

Alex Neil MSP Scottish Government Minister for Housing & Communities

Prof. Duncan MacLennan International expert on housing & regeneration (University of St. Andrews)

Prof. Greg Lloyd Professor of Urban Planning, University of Belfast

Jim McFarlane Managing Director of Operations, Scottish Enterprise

In a time of economic inactivity, dramatic reductions in public spending, and rising levels of unemployment and poverty, the focus of all regeneration efforts should be on practical, pro-active and cooperative responses to the very real threat of substantial degeneration across the board.

This key Scottish regeneration event will look squarely at the challenges ahead; but its concentrated and constructive focus will be on linking people, projects and practice across the SURF network to examine the real opportunities for supporting more sustainable community regeneration in this time of change.

In cooperation with the Public Policy Network of the University of Edinburgh, the first day of the conference will link Scotland's extensive regeneration oriented academic resources with the practical challenges at hand for practitioners and policy-makers.

The second day will focus on cooperation in policy and practice. Key speakers, debates, presentations and panel sessions will link the policy process to the realities of delivering positive change in Scotland's most disadvantaged communities. In doing so, we will showcase the assets and resources that are at hand to support and sustain regeneration, despite the increasingly difficult economic climate and related challenges.

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

Share your experience and ideas with regeneration colleagues from all sectors across Scotland
Please turn over for a full event programme and details of how to book.

Programme

Day One Beyond Academic Interest

University of Edinburgh, School of Social & Political Science
Chrystal MacMillan Building
15a George Square, Edinburgh EH8 9LD

- 12:30 Registration & Networking Lunch
1:30 Welcome & Context
1:45 SURF & Public Policy Network – Shared Interests
2:00 Panel Session 1: Beyond the Ivory Towers – Knowledge as a Resource for Change
2:45 Coffee Break
3:00 Panel Session 2: Practical Application – Local Authorities and Local Regeneration
3:45 Panel Session 3: Community – Point of Impact and Essential Feedback
4:30 The Role of Research in a Flourishing Scotland
4:50 Conclusions and What's Next
5:15 Thanks and Close (with invitation to attend social/business networking event to 6:15pm)

Day Two All Together Now: Policy and Practice

Roxburghe Hotel, 38 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh EH2 4HQ

- 9:00 Registration & Coffee
9:45 Welcome & Introduction
10:00 Praxis: Practical Links with Academia
10:15 An International Perspective
10:45 National Government Support
11:15 Coffee, Networking and Examples of Success
11:45 The Big Question – Centralise to Sustain or Devolve to Deliver? Interactive Panel Session
12:15 Constructive Debates – Choice of Themed and Facilitated Breakout Sessions (see below for more information)
1:15 Lunch
2:00 A Shared Enterprise
2:20 Constructive Debates Feedback
2:40 Electronic Voting – Priorities & Opportunities
3:00 Making It Real: Resources & Support. Interactive Panel Session
3:40 National Priorities – Local Delivery
4:00 Summary
4:10 Close and Coffee

How to book

Please complete the details below and return this form to SURF by post (address below). Alternatively, register online at www.scotregen.co.uk.

I would like to book place(s) at the 2010 SURF Annual Conference

I would like to attend:

- Both days
 Day one (beyond academic interest) only
 Day two (policy and practice) only

Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

Dietary/mobility requirements: _____

SURF member (yes/no): _____

If you are attending Day Two, please choose your first and second preference from the following options in the Constructive Debates session: (top of following column)

- Assets, Land and Politics
 Improving Services
 It's Poverty, Stupid
 Master-Planning & Sustainability in the Real World
 More Than Housing?

If you have booked more than one place, we will contact you for details of additional delegates

Terms & conditions

Cost:

Both days SURF members – £120; SURF non-members – £180

Day one only SURF members – £50; SURF non-members – £80

Day two only SURF members – £80; SURF non-members – £120

Closing date for bookings: Thursday 18th March

Cancellations received within 14 days of the event will receive a full refund. Cancellations received within 7-14 days of the event will receive a 50% refund. We regret that we are unable to refund cancellations received within 7 days of the event. Substitutions will be accepted.

For event enquiries, please contact Derek Rankine, SURF Events and Communications Officer, on 0141 585 6879, or email derek@scotregen.co.uk.



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