



# Scottish Rural Parliament

Pàrlamaid Dhùthchail na h-Alba

**14-16 November 2018**  
**Stranraer, Dumfries & Galloway**

## **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

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Official Opening Ceremony

Rural Innovators Awards Ceremony

Film and Fringe programme including:

- ❖ #NationNorway – One of a series of films about Scotland's successful wee European neighbours by Phantom Power Films and Lesley Riddoch that will help us understand about other small Northern countries and why they are doing so well.
- ❖ Remote Control - A play by young people exploring theories of evolution, parking violations and that look you get in a local pub when you walk in... and you're clearly not from there.

Full & Half-Day visits to inspiring projects in Dumfries and Galloway including:

- ❖ Mull of Galloway Experience and Logan Botanic Gardens
- ❖ Portpatrick and Crafty Gin Distillery
- ❖ Whithorn Timescape Roundhouse and The Book Shop, Wigtown
- ❖ Town Tour of Stranraer (1/2day)

Exhibition of organisations and projects including:

- ❖ Foundation Scotland
- ❖ Highlands & Islands Enterprise
- ❖ Scottish Government

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**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

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## Post-Brexit Discussion Panel – what should our rural policy look like after Brexit?

A panel discussion with Mairi Gougeon, Minister for Rural Affairs and Natural Environment, and chaired by Ruth Wishart.

### Rural policy workshops including:

#### **Radically rethinking rural democracy**

Think creatively and join our conversation about how to reshape rural democracy. This workshop will help to shape our response to the Local Democracy Bill in 2019.

#### **Rural services: Equality of access**

*with Disabilities Equalities Scotland, Age Scotland and Rural Mental Health Forum*

Examining how we can ensure that all essential rural services – including those provided by the private sector such as banking and broadband – are inclusive now and in the future.

#### **Social care: Delivering for rural Scotland**

*with Scottish Islands Federation*

Our older population is growing and we are already struggling to meet needs in rural communities. This session looks at some inspiring projects addressing needs and asks how we can ensure everyone gets the care they need.

#### **Rural homelessness**

*with Rural Housing Scotland and Scottish Rural Action*

Rural homelessness can be a hidden issue, with people migrating to the cities due to a lack of affordable and suitable housing. Join our campaign to tackle rural homelessness taking place throughout December 2018.

### Dinner and ceilidh

Optional three-course meal and ceilidh at the North West Castle Hotel, Stranraer with Graham Taylor, Crafty Distillery, and local band Life O'Reilly.

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Mr Michael Russell, Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations, Keynote Speech and Closing Ceremony

Fringe programme, including:

**Digital Scotland: R100 update**

*with Digital Scotland*

An update on the R100 superfast broadband programme.

**Rural gender pay-gap**

*with SRUC and Scottish Government*

Following the launch of the report into the rural gender pay-gap released on Thursday at the Rural Parliament, this is an opportunity to ask questions about the report and share your views on how the pay-gap could be addressed.

**Air-Departure Tax**

*with Scottish Rural Action and SRUC*

An examination of the upcoming changes to air departure taxes in the UK and how they might impact on rural communities.

Take Action Workshops including:

**Running a campaign**

*with Scottish Rural Action and Robin McAlpine*

An introduction to campaigning on issues important to you and your community and a toolkit to help which is free to take home.

**Community shares**

*with Development Trusts Association Scotland*

From harbours to heritage, energy to education, find out how community shares can be used to fund "What Matters" to your community.

**It's all about who you know**

*with Scottish Rural Action*

An opportunity to speak to officials in different roles and different levels of local and national government about their roles and how best to forge a relationship with them.

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