

Helping rural communities
to access funding

RuralDirect »

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Support for your local events from Rural Direct

Rural Direct is a free service supporting rural community groups to access funds for their community projects. We are available to work with individual groups and with other support services to increase local capacity to make good quality funding applications.

Although the main focus of our work is currently on funding through the Scotland Rural Development Programme, we also promote a wide range of other funding opportunities.

In addition to offering one-to-one support to community groups, the Rural Direct team participate in local and national events from funding fairs and county shows to conferences and regional and national gatherings with a rural focus.

What we offer

If you are holding an event in Rural Scotland, whether for a mixed audience or specifically for community groups and voluntary organisations, Rural Direct can contribute in a number of ways. We can offer:

- An introduction to the SRDP for rural communities
- Information and resources
- Workshops
- Training
- One-to-one sessions



Working with the SCVO Rural Team, members of Rural Direct can also offer additional support to partners running rural event. Such additional services may include:



- Organisational and on the day support
- Networking sessions
- Facilitation
- Audiovisual support

You can also publicise your event throughout rural Scotland and beyond by adding it to the Scottish National Rural Network Website Events Diary at: www.ruralgateway.org.uk

If you would like Rural Direct to participate in your event please contact us on: 0845 838 8598, email us at info@ruraldirect.org.uk or speak to your local Rural Direct Development Officer (see below).

An Introduction to the SRDP for Rural Communities

Members of the Rural Direct team can provide informative presentations describing the Rural Direct service and the key features of the Rural Priorities set out in the Scotland Rural Development Programme. Presentations are tailored to reflect the relevant knowledge of the audience, the geographic area and event themes. Please speak to us about any themes planned for your event.

Information, Resources and One-to-one Support

Rural Direct can also provide a staffed information stand with delegate information packs. Our packs include detailed information on Rural Direct, Rural Priorities, LEADER and other rural funding opportunities as part of the SRDP.

Members of the Rural Direct team can also offer funding surgery sessions for individual groups as part of an event or in partnership with local partner organisations such as Third Sector Interfaces or local authority Funding Teams. We are happy for these to be run on a drop in basis or through prearranged appointments.

Workshops and Training:

Our workshops and training sessions can be tailored to fit your event and audience so please speak to us if you are looking for something specific. Examples of what we can deliver include:

Getting started with Rural Priorities

For community groups, and those supporting them. Describing how to get a Business Reference Number (BRN), showing how to access Rural Payments Online and clarifying the first application stage – the Statement of Intent (SOI).



Additional event services

The Rural Direct team will be happy to discuss your event and identify how we might contribute. Please get in touch with any member of the Rural Direct team.

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