

You are invited to the

Scottish National Rural Network Scottish Borders Event

Rural Development and the Local Economy

Tuesday 16th February 2010 - 10 am to 3.30 pm
Springwood Hall, Kelso
(<http://www.buas.org/hall/>)

To confirm your attendance, please
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Programme for the day

- 10.00 am Coffee and registration, with opportunities for networking and viewing display stands
- 10.30 am Rural Development & the Economy – where are we now? - welcome and opening remarks from event Chair, Bryan McGrath, Head of Economic Development & Regeneration at Scottish Borders Council.
- 10.45 am Rural Network update (SCVO), LEADER update (Scottish Borders Council) and SRDP Rural Priorities Update (Scottish Government). Followed by Questions & Answers.
- 11.15 am Coffee break
- 11.30 am Project Presentations – Scottish Borders Food Network, Tweed Valley Tourist Consortium, Whitmuir Organics and Fintry Development Trust.
- 1.00 pm Lunch, networking and touring of display stands
- 1.45 pm Facilitated discussion session: Rising to the Challenge – Issues Facing Scottish Borders
- 3.00 pm Feedback, summing up of the day and next steps, including closing remarks from Chair

Connecting Rural Scotland, promoting rural growth

What is the Scottish National Rural Network?
It's a major initiative supported by the Scottish Government to connect rural Scotland in all its diversity to promote economic and community development. At a national level, the Network is promoted by the Scottish Rural Gathering, a national event, and the Scotland National Rural Network website. At a regional level, there is a series of regional events intended to promote and develop links and networks across the different individuals, businesses, organisations, communities and sectors in each region of rural Scotland.

What's in it for me?
The opportunity to find out the latest news about rural development and funding opportunities, to hear about some excellent projects and businesses and to connect with a wide range of other people who live and work in your region and elsewhere.

Visit the Rural Network website for news, information and networking opportunities for everyone living and working in rural Scotland: www.ruralgateway.org.uk

