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Rural science for public good: sharing our best ideas

SCRR Mini-Conference: November 13th 2019, 12 noon-3pm, An Lochran, Inverness

Across the breadth of Scotland, there are many researchers examining different aspects of “rural” from multiple perspectives: geography, geology, sociology, ecology, animal health, anthropology - from the very micro through to the macro.

In mid-November, you’ll have the opportunity to share your own research, and hear about others’ work, from across the nooks and crannies of rural Scotland - from many different research institutes, and from people we didn’t even know existed within Scotland’s rich community of researchers!

This year, we’re focusing on Early Career Researchers. This will be a poster-based mini-conference, where you’ll have the opportunity to discuss your ideas with others in the research community and with people from other organisations including charities, development organisations, colleges and local government. The focus will be on networking as equals, sharing ideas and fostering new connections.

There will be a Prize for the best poster, a Certificate of Participation for those who take part, plus the opportunity to gain a Scholar Award by helping out beforehand and at the mini-Conference itself. We’ll also be promoting your research posters via social media, and helping you to promote your work too.

Places are limited, so you’ll need to apply via a very short application form, telling us your research area, how you have researched (or are researching) it, what you’ve found or expect to find, and ultimately *why your work matters*. The deadline for applications is **5pm Thursday 3rd October** and we’ll let you know if your application has been successful by Friday 11th October.

We have a small budget to assist with travel costs for those who otherwise wouldn’t be able to come. Please let us know, on your application form, whether you’re likely to need this, and give us an estimate of what your expenses might be.

The Guest Speaker at the Conference will be Professor Sarah Skerratt (@sarah_skerratt), who’s Director of Policy Engagement at Scotland’s Rural College (SRUC). Sarah has a passion for ensuring research evidence impacts on policy and on people’s livelihoods in rural areas. She’s also Scientific Director of SCRR and is really keen to find out more about the great rural research that’s taking place across Scotland.

For an Application Form, please email: willie.donachie@moredun.org.uk