



Conference

## Scotland's Natural Wealth

Achieving sustainable growth by investing in the environment

Monday 2 February 2009

Glasgow Science Centre

9am - 4pm

(with drinks reception)

Keynote speaker—Cabinet Secretary for Finance & Sustainable Growth John Swinney MSP

Guest speaker—Mike Dilger, BBC's The ONE Show



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# Programme

**In recent years, we have begun to break the link between economic development and environmental damage. Now, we must go much further. We must see environmental investment as a catalyst for economic development, whilst also delivering social benefits.**

## Who should attend

This conference is aimed at those in the public, private and voluntary sector who have an interest in planning, regeneration, access to green networks, environmental renewal, flood management, wildlife and the natural heritage. **The delegate fee for the day, all inclusive, is £90.00.**

**Keynote Speaker: John Swinney MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth**

## Agenda

0900-1000 Registration and coffee  
1000-1220 Plenary session with keynote speaker at 1010  
1220-1320 Lunch will be provided  
1320-1445 Final plenary speaker and Workshops  
1445-1505 Guest speaker  
1515-1600 Drinks reception

Confirmed plenary speakers are **Councillor Allan Morris of Newport City Council** with a local authority perspective, **Anne McCall, Regional Director, South & West Scotland, RSPB Scotland** with an environmental perspective and **Ed Taylor of the Prince's Foundation in Scotland** will give an 'urbanist's perspective'. Although still to be confirmed, there will also be an international governmental speaker.

## **Guest Speaker Mike Dilger, BBC's The ONE Show**

Mike Dilger appears as a regular on The ONE Show as its main wildlife presenter. He also features on Inside Out on BBC1, and Nature's Top 40 - currently being screened on BBC2. Other programmes have included Britain Goes Wild, Springwatch, Hands on Nature, Wild Underground, Extreme Britain, Nature's Calendar and the Nature of Britain.



## **Drinks Reception**

A chance to wind down at the end of the day and mingle with other delegates, with wine and canapés.

## **Workshops**

**Please select a first and second choice when booking to help us allocate places.**

### **1. Parks and Green Spaces**

Led by Glasgow City Council  
Councillor Ruth Simpson and Jim Coyle  
It is generally accepted that parks and other green spaces can provide a network of attractive, readily accessible spaces that help to enhance people's health and well-being whilst also benefiting wildlife. The workshop will allow participants the opportunity to examine how local authorities can bring about this vision through direct and indirect investment; working with other agencies including the private sector; and involving local people.

### **2. Living Landscapes**

Led by Jeremy Roberts, Senior Site Manager at RSPB's Abernethy Forest reserve  
RSPB Scotland is involved in a number of projects that restore lost habitats on a landscape scale. These include woodlands, wetlands and coastal habitats. Jeremy Roberts will use Abernethy as a case study to show how the re-establishment of a natural forest mosaic, including work in partnership with neighbours and other agencies, brings huge benefits to tourism and the local economy.

### **3. How can Developers contribute?**

Dominic Fairlie, Scotia Homes  
Discussion of the advantages of integrating green spaces, wildlife habitats and environmental benefits into projects. What are the current hurdles and financial drivers? How can we encourage more developers to embrace sustainability?

### **4. Valuing Our Environment and Developing Planning Reform**

Led by Scottish Natural Heritage, supported by SEPA  
Claudia Rowse and Jo Green  
The natural environment of is one of Scotland's greatest assets, making a major contribution to sustainable economic growth and quality of life. New research commissioned by a partnership led by SNH calculates the economic impact of Scotland's natural environment. The workshop will provide an opportunity to discuss the findings and to hear how this work will inform planning reforms.

### **5. Commonwealth Games Legacy**

Led by Tods Murray  
The 2014 Commonwealth Games provides huge opportunities for Scotland, including bringing about real and lasting regeneration for Glasgow's East End. What kind of regeneration would we like to see in place once the Games are over? The workshop will debate how an environmental legacy can be delivered, and how this can also contribute to social and economic development.



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