

Scottish Environment Week brings together MSPs, civic Scotland, business and environmentalists to celebrate Scotland's environment. Since its inception in 2003, the Week has become a popular fixture in the Parliamentary calendar, and MSPs from all parties have attended events highlighting the many facets of Scotland's environment. Join us for the 2010 Week's packed programme of events.

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# Scottish Environment Week 2010



**Scotland's Environment... It's GREAT!**

Tuesday 23rd February 2010

## Scotland's Environment... It's GREAT for Scotland's Health & Wellbeing !

Time: 12.30 – 14.00

Venue: Q1.04, Scottish Parliament

Sponsor: Nanette Milne MSP

An event highlighting the benefits of the environment for good physical and mental health, with short presentations from LINK Members:

- **Living Streets** Scotland will explain how our streets can be the first and best place for increasing physical activity levels amongst people of all ages and abilities;
- The Scottish **Allotments and Gardens Society** will explain the physical and mental health benefits of allotments; and
- The **Mountaineering Council** of Scotland will outline some of the details of their mountain safety work;
- With support from Sheila Beck, Principal Public Health Adviser of **NHS Health Scotland**.

*A buffet lunch will be provided.*

## Scotland's Environment... It's GREAT for Scotland's Young People !

Time: 18.00 – 19.45

Venue: Committee Room 1, Scottish Parliament

Sponsor: Robin Harper MSP

An event highlighting the benefits of young people experiencing our environment, with presentations from LINK Members:

- **Buglife** Scotland will demonstrate their work in providing lessons and activities in schools and youth groups;
- The **John Muir Trust** will explain the John Muir Award scheme which aims to encourage people to

enjoy, connect with, and care for Scotland's wild places; and

- The **Woodland Trust** Scotland will celebrate the success of the Branching Out West Lothian project, launch their Outdoor Learning Teacher Resource Pack and presenting what it has meant to the young people involved.
- With support from **Scottish Natural Heritage** and **Grounds for Learning** who help schools and nurseries enrich childhood through developing and using their outdoor spaces.

*Drinks and light refreshments will be provided*

Wednesday 24th February 2010

## Scotland's Environment... It's GREAT for explaining Scotland's history !

Time: 12.30 – 13.45

Venue: TG.20, Scottish Parliament

Sponsor: Sarah Boyack MSP

Hear from community groups from across Scotland as they celebrate their past! See artefacts including a coin of Mary Queen of Scots found at Cousland Castle, medieval pottery, a briquette and part of an iron salt pan. An event highlighting the important relationship between people and their environment in the past, with short presentations by members of community groups involved in rescuing the Brora Salt works from coastal erosion, recording the township of Spittal of Glenmuick, Ballater and Cousland Community Dig & East Lothian Young Archaeologists Club. There will also be a display on work uncovering the 19th century industrial remains from Prestongrange. Inputs come from:

- **Archaeology Scotland**;
- The **National Trust for Scotland**;
- **Scottish Countryside Rangers Association**; and
- **Scottish Native Woods**;
- With support from **Historic Scotland**.

*A buffet lunch will be provided.*

## Scotland's Environment... It's GREAT for Scotland ! The Reception

Time: 18.00

Venue: Scottish Parliament – Main Hall

Sponsor: Elaine Murray MSP

The Scottish Environment Week Reception – an excellent opportunity to meet many of the players in the Scottish environmental network.

Speakers:

- Helen Zealley OBE, Link President;
- Elaine Murray MSP; and
- Roseanna Cunningham MSP, Minister for the Environment.

*Drinks and light refreshments will be provided.*

Thursday 25th February 2010

## Scotland's Environment... It's GREAT for Scotland's Businesses !

Time: 12.30 – 13.45

Venue: Committee Room 3, Scottish Parliament

Sponsor: Alison McInnes MSP

An event highlighting the links between business and the environment movement, with presentations from LINK Members:

- "The Black Grouse" – **RSPB Scotland** will explain the links between the conservation of one of our iconic species and the Famous Grouse's new brand of whisky – The Black Grouse;
- "Oatcakes and Orang-utans" – **WWF Scotland** will set out how they have been working with Scottish businesses and those involved in growing, supplying and selling palm oil; and
- "Quality environment – quality talents" – **The Scottish Wildlife Trust** will explore the key role of

quality environments in fostering 'cultural capital' in Scotland's city regions.

- With support from **SEPA** and a presentation from SEPA's Chairman, David Sigsworth.

*A buffet lunch will be provided.*

## Scotland's Environment... It's GREAT for Our Communities !

Time: 18.00 – 19.45

Venue: Committee Room 3, Scottish Parliament

Sponsor: Bill Wilson MSP

An event exploring the ways Scotland's communities and Scotland's environment organisations are working together to care for, learn about and enjoy their local environment, with presentations from LINK Members:

- "First Steps" – **Plantlife** Scotland will demonstrate how their new family activity builds confidence in getting to know local wild plants. How many do you know? You may be surprised!;
- "Working with Communities" – **Friends of the Earth** Scotland will explain their work with local communities in Scotland and internationally; and
- "Beach-watch and Sea-search" – **The Marine Conservation Society** Scotland will explain how their projects help coastal communities care for their local sea shores and marine wildlife.
- With support from **Scottish Natural Heritage** led by Roddy Fairlie, Head of Engagement.

*Drinks and light refreshments will be provided.*

For more information about any of the events please contact Andy Myles on 0131 225 4345 or at [andy@scotlink.org](mailto:andy@scotlink.org)