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The theme of this year's
**Scottish Environment
Week** is 'quality of life'.

This is a green world, with animals comparatively few and small, and all dependent on the leaves. By leaves we live. Some people have strange ideas that they live by money. They think energy is generated by the circulation of coins. Whereas the world is mainly a vast leaf colony, growing on and forming a leafy soil, not a mere mineral mass: and we live not by the jingling of our coins, but by the fullness of our harvests.

*Patrick Geddes
Cockburn Association*

The quality of our
lives is enhanced by
the quality of our
environment.

Scottish Environment Week



Programme of events

Organised by

Scottish Environment **LINK**

Thursday 1st February

Public Event 19:30 – 22:00 Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh

Wildlife, Spectacular Species and Castles: How sustainable tourism can make the best of Scotland's Environment

Speakers: Patricia Ferguson, Minister for Tourism; Cameron McNeish, Editor of the Great Outdoors / President of the Ramblers' Association; Dave Sexton, RSPB Scotland; Fiona Watson, Honorary Fellow at the Centre for History, UHI.

For tickets:

Tel 0131 225 4345 or Email alex@scotlink.org

Thanks to RSPB for supporting this event

Scottish Environment Week Parliamentary Events Programme 2007

A buffet will be provided at all seminars.
Wine will be provided for evening seminars and events.

Tuesday 6th February

Lunchtime Seminar 12:30 – 14:00 Venue: TG20/21

Motivating Young People through Sustainable Development Education

This inspiring session will highlight how sustainable development education is being used to engage and motivate secondary school pupils, building their life skills and encouraging them to stay in education.

Speakers include pupils from Ross High School and Alastair Lavery, Chair of SDE Liaison Group

Host: Robert Brown MSP

Please note that this event has limited space. Please contact coordinator@sdenetwork.org if you would like to reserve a place.

Evening Seminar 18:00 – 19:30 Venue: Committee Rm 1

Sustainable flood management – from policy into practice

Flooding is a real issue in Scotland and likely to increase owing to climate change. This seminar will look at why the 'traditional'

approach to flood management is not working, and argues that sustainable flood management is the way forward – with best practice examples from Devon and the Scottish Borders.

Speakers: Gerry Aprile, Hawick flood victim; Andrea Johnstonova, RSPB; Mike Donaghy WWF / Richard Johnston; Luke Comins, Tweed Forum.

Host: Bristow Muldoon MSP

Wednesday 7th February

Lunchtime seminar 12:00 – 14:00 Venue: TG20/21

Scotland Outdoors: Celebrating the Parliament's greatest success – giving Scotland a system of access rights that is the envy of the world.

The Scottish countryside is a major attraction for tourists and brings in £3.6 billion in revenue annually. Visitors may take outdoor access for granted, but the rights enshrined in the Land Reform Act are well worth celebrating. Two years on from the launch of the legislation, this event assesses what has changed, and discusses some of the challenges that lie ahead.

Speakers from Ramblers' Association and the National Park Authorities

Host: Stewart Stevenson MSP

Please note that this event has limited space. Please contact helent@scotland.ramblers.org.uk if you would like to reserve a place.

Early Evening Seminar 17:30 – 19:30 Venue: TBC

Cross Party Food Group and Scottish Environment LINK Joint Event

Professor Tim Lang, Chair of the Review of the Scottish Diet Action Plan will speak on the findings of the review. Amongst the review's conclusions is the proposal for a 'whole life approach' which links food and health to environmental and sustainable development. A panel will then discuss the implications of this particular recommendation in more detail. Scottish Environment LINK will contribute to the debate.

Evening Event 18:30 – 20:30 Venue: Garden Lobby

Mid Week reception with a focus on Scottish Food

Speakers: Jack McConnell, First Minister (invited); Hugh Raven, Sustainable Development Commission; Fred Edwards, LINK President.

For an audience including business, community groups and environment NGOs.

Thursday 8th February

Lunchtime seminar 12:30 – 14:30 Venue: Committee Rm 1

Natural Health Service – Better than a prescription!

Scotland is sitting on a health time bomb. The health of two thirds of Scotland's population is now at risk from physical inactivity.

This seminar will explore a number of different and innovative approaches to improve the health and well being of our communities through the quality provision and promotion of the outdoor environment. Includes interactive quiz!

Speakers include Julie Proctor, Greenspace Scotland; Kenny Steele, Paths to Health and Angela Douglas, Woodland Trust.

Host: Patrick Harvie MSP

Friday 9th – Sunday 11th February

Visit an environmental project in your area

An opportunity for MSPs to visit a project in their constituency.

If you would like this to be arranged for you, please contact the LINK parliamentary office.

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Other Scottish Environment Week events

To see the online programme which includes information about other events around Scottish Environment Week go to our website www.scotlink.org and choose 'Scottish Environment Week' from the menu.

Exhibitions

There will be a Scottish Environment LINK exhibition in the Garden Lobby during the week, which will include home made gin tasting and a prize draw! Please come and visit us during the week.

On the first floor lobby there will be a photo exhibition looking at what is special about the Cairngorms National Park.