

Joint Links 2014 Conference Options & Preference Form for Links Members

The next Joint Links conference is due to take place in 2014 so, if we are to start organising an event, we would like to ensure as many members as possible from each Link can attend and make the most of presentations, discussion sessions and networking opportunities.

The conference would start with lunch on arrival on day one and end with lunch on day two, but there is also a possibility of arranging a field trip at the end of the programme, which would mean finishing mid-afternoon on day two. The plan is to allow people to travel on the morning of day one, with only one overnight stay necessary for most, if not all, delegates.

To ensure we choose the most appropriate date and preferred location and format for all the Links' members, we would be grateful if you could complete this brief form and **return to Jen Anderson**, jen@scotlink.org

Your Name:	
Your Link:	
Organisation:	
Email address:	

Would you like to attend the next Joint Links conference?

If you replied **yes**, please complete the rest of the form, to inform us about your preferences:

1. Location

In or near to:	'Y' = Can attend	'Pref' = preferred
Birmingham		
Chester		
Edinburgh		
Glasgow		

2. Dates

Please indicate all the date options below which you would be able to make:

Sept 24 - 25	
Oct 1- 2	
Oct 8 – 9	
Oct 15 – 16	
Oct 22 - 23	
Oct 29 - 30	

3. Possible field trip

Would you like a **field trip** to be organised at the end of the conference (it helps to us know either way)?

If yes, do you have any suggestions or requests regarding field trip / site visit options and arrangements?

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4. Theme

We would welcome ideas for the theme of a Joint Links 2014 conference; two suggestions are provided below, please let us know if you would support them and / or if you have any further ideas:

- a) **Implications of the outcome of the Scottish referendum** (for UK organisations involved in environment, in terms of advocacy – e.g. mechanisms for relationships across the British Isles, ways to improve relationships with Europe)
- b) **Valuing the Environment & Natural Capital** (Developing ideas further from the 2012 Conference)
- c) Your suggestion:.....
- d) Your suggestion:.....

Please tell us if you have an order of preference for these theme suggestions:

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5. Workshops

We would like to provide an opportunity for members to break out into smaller groups during the conference, so that you may discuss particular policy areas with colleagues from the other Links (e.g. Marine, CAP, etc.)

Please note below the topic(s) you would find most useful to have on the agenda:

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If you have any other comments / requests, please note them here:

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Thank you for providing your availability and preferences. If there is sufficient interest, we will confirm plans and arrangements and provide booking forms as soon as possible.