

**Empowerment in marine stewardship:
Emerging opportunities for citizens and communities in Scotland**

PROGRAMME




Objectives:

1. Explore how community engagement and empowerment is changing in relation to the marine area, including through the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, the Islands (Scotland) Bill 2017 and the management of Crown Estate Assets.
2. Promote methods for effective engagement and empowerment of communities in the stewardship of marine resources. As part of the Scottish Government’s ‘Year of Young People 2018’, include the exploration of ideas for improved youth engagement and provide a platform for youth views on the marine environment, its development and governance.

| DAY 1 – Wednesday 20 th June, 2018 | | |
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| Registration with tea & coffee | | From 13:30 |
| Welcome and opening remarks By Lucy Greenhill, Ocean Dialogues Ltd., Sea Scotland Steering Group | | 14:00 – 14:10 |
| Keynote talks followed by Q&A <i>Chair: Lucy Greenhill, Ocean Dialogues Ltd., Sea Scotland Steering Group</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roseanna Cunningham – Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform – by video link. • Alastair McIntosh - writer, academic & activist. • Jack Dudgeon - Member of Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP); SYP’s Vice - Chair. | 14:10 – 15:00 |
| Session 1: Plenary talks with Q&A <i>Chair: Anne-Michelle Slater, University of Aberdeen</i> | <p>How is the policy context changing in relation to empowerment and ownership in Scotland?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Local ownership and decision making through regional marine planning”</i> – Graham Black, Director of Marine Scotland, Scottish Government. • <i>“Community Empowerment and Local Governance – Emerging Changes”</i> Alasdair McKinlay, Head of the Community Planning and Empowerment Unit, Scottish Government. Download the presentation here. • <i>“Involving local stakeholders in managing Crown Estate Scotland assets”</i> - Simon Hodge, Chief Executive, Crown Estate Scotland. Download the presentation here. | 15:00 – 15:45 |

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| <p>Plenary discussion</p> <p><i>Chair: Anne-Michelle Slater, University of Aberdeen</i></p> | <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand policy changes in relation to de-centralisation and localisation in Scotland. • Explore what the changing policy landscape means for citizens, communities and youth in marine stewardship. • Seek and promote synergies for efficient & effective stewardship of our seas. | <p>15:45 – 16:10</p> |
| <p>Break (tea & coffee)</p> | | <p>16.10 - 16.40</p> |
| <p>Session 2: Plenary talks</p> <p><i>Chair: Chris Cutts, Forth Estuary Forum</i></p> | <p>What could these changes mean in practice? Aspirations, opportunities and challenges</p> <p>A sequence of speakers will stimulate discussion by giving ‘flash talks’ on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What engagement & empowerment means to them - Opportunities & aspirations <p>We will hear from representatives of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community groups • Industry • Marine planning partnerships • Island councils • Voluntary organisations | <p>16:40 – 17:20</p> |
| <p>Plenary discussion</p> <p><i>Chair: Chris Cutts, Forth Estuary Forum</i></p> | <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share existing good examples of community and youth roles in marine stewardship. • Highlight opportunities that changing policy context may enable. • Consider unique approaches for the coastal / marine setting. • Explore the challenge of fair representation of communities and other stakeholders. | <p>17:20 – 17:50</p> |
| <p>Closing remarks By Dr. Beth Scott, University of Aberdeen, Sea Scotland Steering Group</p> | | <p>17:50 – 18:00</p> |
| <p>Networking reception</p> | <p><i>Soft refreshments available, bar open from 18.30</i></p> | <p>18:00 – 19:30</p> |
| <p>Conference dinner & evening programme</p> | <p><i>Buffet dinner from 19.30 followed by evening programme, including insights from Sarah Conner, Assistant Producer BBC Blue Planet 2</i></p> | <p>19:30 – late</p> |



| DAY 2: Thursday 21 st June 2018 | | | | |
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| Workshop Session 1 | Looking ahead – opportunities for progressing towards local empowerment in marine stewardship. | | | 09:00 - 10:45 |
| | W1: Getting communities on board: Tapping into an invaluable source of Knowledge, Skills and Inspiring Stories. | | | |
| | W2: Getting involved: Approaches to constructive dialogue in marine stewardship | | | |
| | W3: Getting the balance right: Integration of local and national stewardship and the Crown Estate Scotland’s Asset Management pilot scheme | | | |
| Break (tea & coffee) | | | | 10.45 - 11.00 |
| Outdoor Activity: <i>A choice of outdoor activities (weather permitting).</i> | Bioblitz: Intertidal citizen science survey (Co-Coast)  | Beach clean & marine litter survey (Marine Conservation Society)  | Marine Mammal Watch (Whale and Dolphin Conservation)  | 11.00-12.30 |
| | Lunch | | | |
| | | <i>Guest performance of Il Mare by Thoren Ferguson</i> | | 12.30-13.30 |
| Workshop Session 2 | Continued as above | | | 13:30 - 14:45 |
| Break (tea & coffee) | | | | 14:45 – 15:15 |
| Plenary Discussion <i>Chair: Calum Duncan, MCS</i> | Summaries from Workshops and Q&A | | | 15:15 - 16:00 |
| Closing address & next steps Dr. Meriwether Wilson, University of Edinburgh | | | | 16:00-16:20 |

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