

Celebrating Rural Social Work Programme

0930-1000	Registration and coffee
1000-1005	Welcome to the University of the West of Scotland – John Sturgeon
1005-1010	Opening – Iona Colvin, Chief Social Work Advisor for Scotland
1010-1040	Keynote – Prof. Sarah Skerratt, former Director of Policy Engagement, Scotland's Rural College <i>Rural Scotland: letting lived-experience evidence shape what we do</i>
1040-11.10	Keynote – Colin Turbett and Jane Pye Author of Rural Social Work Insight / Senior Teaching Associate in Social Work, Lancaster University <i>What is rural social work?</i>
11.10-11.25	Coffee
11.25-12.40	Parallel sessions & discussion
12.40-1330	Lunch
1330-1400	Keynote- Alison Hulmes, BASW Cymru, National Director Wales and Andrew Pennington (Senior Practitioner, Powys) <i>Rural Social Work – a Welsh perspective</i>
1400-1515	Parallel sessions & discussion
1515- 1600	What we need to flourish – practitioner perspectives
1600-1615	Closing comments

Parallel sessions

1. Living and working in rural communities- social workers' lived perspective

1. Dual relationships (Gillian Ritch, Orkney Council)
2. Staying connected (Monica Nicolin, Western Isles)
3. NQSW pilot experiences (Dumfries & Galloway practitioner)

Facilitator- Trish Neagle, Dumfries and Galloway Council

2. Minorities and marginalisation in rural communities

1. Working with Gypsy Travellers (Annie Bryant, Dumfries & Galloway)
2. Mental Health (Nadia Naggar-Smith, Support in Mind)
3. LLGBTQIA matters & engaging with diverse communities (Blou Hyland)

Facilitator-Kerry Musselbrook, Iriss

3. Public Protection in a rural context

1. An Isles perspective on Adult Support & Protection (Marion Hope, Orkney Council)
2. Public Protection in a rural setting (Heather Collington and Stephen Morgan, Dumfries & Galloway Council)

Facilitator – Sarah McMillan, SASW

4. Using research and practitioner experience to shape education and lifelong learning

1. What research tells us (Jane Pye, Lancaster University)
2. What experience tells us (Ruth Shipstone, Dumfries & Galloway Council)
3. How is/should education respond? (John Sturgeon, University of the West of Scotland)

Facilitator – Flora Aldridge, Social Work Scotland