

Land Manager Contributions to Protecting the Dee Water Environment

6.30pm, Tuesday 16th November, 2010 at the Douglas Arms, Banchory.

(The Douglas Arms is on Banchory High Street. Directions can be found at <http://www.douglasarms.co.uk/>)

Complementary soup and sandwiches and drinks from 6.00pm. Workshop starts at 6.30pm.

Workshop purpose

Within the Dee, many actions have been recommended as helpful for protecting and improving the water environment. The Macaulay Institute has organised a workshop to discuss and identify the key issues that influence whether or not these recommendations are implemented. When deciding whether to act (for example, to reduce pollution or remove an obstacle to fish passage), money issues can be critical, but other factors such as time or labour may also be important. Rather than guess at these issues, we would like to speak to those who know 'on the ground', those owning and managing land in the Dee.

This workshop is part of a project called 'Refresh' which started earlier this year. Overall, the 'Refresh' project seeks to a) improve scientific understanding of how freshwater systems will change in future (for example, as a result of climate changes) and b) what will be the most useful and cost-effective ways of safeguarding the water environment, given these future changes. More information on Refresh is available at <http://www.macaulay.ac.uk/projects/projectdetails.php?105466>, or via our contact details below.

We do hope the workshop will be an interesting and informative evening for all who attend. As well as shaping the later work of the project, the issues raised by participants in the workshop will be passed back to national and EU policy-makers.

Timetable

6.00pm	Complementary food and refreshments (soup, sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, free bar).
6.30pm	Welcome and Introduction to the project.
6.40pm	Presentation about the water environment in the Dee, progress made in safeguarding its status, and work remaining. Includes an update on the latest data held by SEPA and opportunity for questions and discussion.
7.05pm	Formation of subgroups, to discuss actions already being undertaken and aware of, that help the water environment.
7.40pm	Tea & coffee in subgroups.
7.55pm	Identification and discussion on what factors can hinder or deter actions to help the water environment, in subgroups.
8.50pm	Conclusion. Opportunity to report and compare key discussion points of subgroups.
9.00pm	Meeting close. Tea, coffee & bar available.

A report of the issues discussed in the meeting will be compiled and distributed to all participants after the meeting, with opportunity for further comment.

Would you like to come?

This event is open to all land owners and land managers in the Dee. However, to allow us to plan for numbers, if you are thinking of coming, we would very much appreciate it if you could RSVP, by dropping a line to Miss Jill Dunglinson at j.dunglinson@macaulay.ac.uk, calling her on 01224 395300, or posting the slip below to the Macaulay Land Use Research Institute, Craigiebuckler, Aberdeen, AB15 8QH.

Reply Slip: Please return by **Thursday 11th October 2009**

From:

Please tick (or highlight if working electronically) the boxes that apply to you:

- Yes, I will be attending the workshop
- No, I am unable to attend, but would like a copy of the workshop report

Special requirements (dietary preferences, access etc):

