

The Prince's Countryside Fund Forum
Tuesday 6th December 2016
Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3NZ

Programme

- 9.30am Registration and refreshments
- 10.00am Welcome from Lord Curry of Kirkharle, Chairman, The Prince's Countryside Fund
- 10.10am *'Realising the potential and opportunity in rural communities'*
Panel discussion chaired by Charlotte Smith, BBC Presenter and journalist
- Lord Curry of Kirkharle, Chairman, The Prince's Countryside Fund
Emma Bridgewater, President, Campaign to Protect Rural England
Steve McLean, Head of Agriculture & Fisheries Sourcing, Marks and Spencer Plc
Professor Mark Shucksmith OBE, Director, Newcastle University Institute for Social Renewal and
Trustee of Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE)
Leigh Morris, CEO, National Land Based College (UK)
- 11.15am Networking and refreshments
- 11.30am Morning workshop options
- Nurturing Excellence - Duchy College
Supporting rural pubs in the Scottish Borders – Pub is the Hub
Building networks in farming communities – Cosmic
- 12.45pm Lunch with breakout sessions for current funded projects:
- Measuring impact – The Prince's Countryside Fund and Plunkett Foundation
Sharing your story – Advice on working with the local media and identifying a good story
- 1.30pm Afternoon workshop options
- Bringing communities together to run services – Plunkett Foundation & Llandegla shop
Supporting rural enterprise – Tinder Foundation
Supporting farm businesses – Lantra NI
- 2.45pm Networking and refreshments
- 3pm Lightning talks 'Aspirations for the future in our rural communities'
- Digital – opportunity or frustration? Tinder Foundation
Future of small family farms – Helen Reeve, Land Rover Bursary 2016 recipient
When things go wrong – mobilising a rural community – experiences from Cumbria – Adam Day,
Farmer Network
- 3.45pm Closing remarks
- 4pm Christmas drinks – please join us until 5pm for an early Christmas drink

Please note the programme may be subject to last minute changes and alterations