

MACHAIR LIFE+ CONFERENCE

Thursday 29 August 2013, 09:00 – 17:00
Talla an lochdar, South Uist



CONSERVING SCOTLAND'S MACHAIR
A' DÌON MACHRAICHEAN NA H-ALBA

There is no charge to attend this event, but booking is required at: www.machairlife.eventbrite.co.uk

	Bus pick up will be available from Benbecula	
09:00	Arrival and registration	
09:20	Welcome	
09:30	Opening speech	TBC
09:40	Context: the project partners <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The importance of crofting• Why machair habitats/species are special• Crofting issues and barriers• Q&A	Norman MacDonald, Convener, CnES TBC, SNH Patrick Krause, SCF
10:00	Introducing Machair LIFE+ <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aims and objectives of project• Film screening	George Campbell, RSPB Rebecca Cotton, Machair LIFE+
10:30	BREAK	
11:00	Machair LIFE+ project actions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project management works• Community engagement• Crop protection• Q&A	Machair LIFE+ team Matthew Topsfield & Donald MacInnes Hazel Smith Rory MacGillivray
12:15	Machair highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flora• Late-cutting for corncrake• Waders and corn bunting• Hemiptera	TBC Julia Gallagher, RSPB Jamie Boyle, RSPB Dr Michael Wilson, National Museum of Wales and Dr Alan Stewart, University of Sussex
12:55	Introduction to workshop sessions	
13:00	LUNCH & exhibition	
14:00	Workshops <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Seed conservation2. Agri-environment policy3. Sustainable crofting communities <p>Delegates attend each workshop in rotation. Workshops consist of a short introduction providing the context for an open discussion.</p>	Maria Scholten, Machair LIFE+ Bill Dundas, Scottish Government and Amy Corrigan, RSPB Murdo MacKay, Development Department, CnES
15:30	BREAK	
16:00	Plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workshop feedback• Panel discussion / Q&A	Chair: George Campbell, RSPB Workshop scribes Panel guests and ALL
17:00	Closing remarks and CLOSE	
	Bus drop off will be available to Benbecula	



MACHAIR LIFE+ FIELD TRIPS

Friday 30 August 2013, 10:00 – 17:00
Balranald, North Uist and Drimdsdale, South Uist



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Places are limited to 30 delegates

	Bus pick up will be available from Benbecula Travel to Balranald	
10:00	Guided tour at RSPB Balranald	Jamie Boyle and Stuart Taylor, RSPB and local crofters
11:30	Return to bus for travel to Talla lochdar	
12:30	LUNCH	
13:30	Bus travel to Drimdsdale township then walk onto machair	
14:15	Harvest demonstration at Drimdsdale	Machair LIFE+ staff and local crofters
15:15	Guided walk to Howmore	TBC
16:45	Return to bus Drop off will be available to Benbecula	

OTHER EVENTS

Delegates are also welcome to attend to following events, which are part of our summer 2013 events programme. Booking is not necessary for these events.

MACHAIR LIFE+ CEILIDH

Friday 30 August 2013, 20:00 – late
Talla an lochdar, South Uist
Bus pick up / drop off will be available from / to Benbecula

MAD MACHAIR TEA PARTY

Saturday 31 August 2013, 14:00 – 18:00
Talla an lochdar, South Uist

