

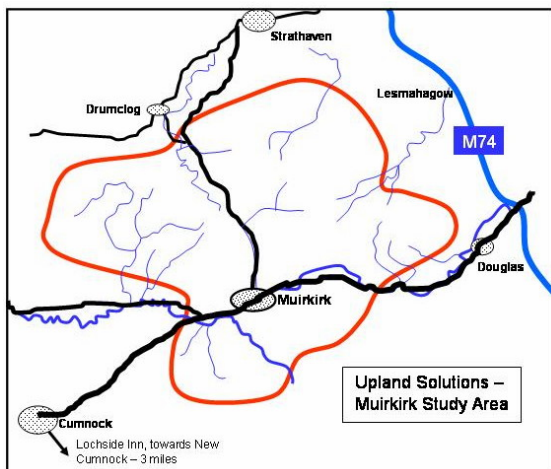
INTRODUCTION

The future viability of Scotland's Uplands is critical to the delivery of key economic, social, cultural and eco-system benefits. The management of these areas is facing unprecedented challenges that have the potential to affect the economics and the environment of these unique habitats and the ways of life associated with them. But with the challenges come opportunities. The *Uplands Solutions* project of the Moorland Forum seeks to identify these challenges and opportunities and to present options and solutions to Government that are informed by the people living and working in these unique parts of Scotland.

Upland Solutions is a project that is being run by *Scotland's Moorland Forum*. By engaging directly with landowners, land-managers, local communities and other key interests, it aims to identify practical problems and solutions at ground-level. The project also aims to gain an understanding of the blockages to what would otherwise be practical solutions.

UPLAND SOLUTIONS

Two study areas have been selected: an area in the vicinity of Muirkirk and the Upper Findhorn catchment, to the south-west of Tomatin. (Larger maps are available on the Forum's website).



The project will discuss the issues and opportunities under **three strands: upland economics, upland birds and carbon**, and the discussions will draw on the skills, knowledge and experience available to the Forum through its 30 member organisations. Ultimately this project is focused on identifying practical solutions to practical problems.

The findings of this work will be disseminated to the Scottish Government and Ministers, to those who participate and to other landowners, land-managers, local communities, and public agencies. The report will also include recommendations about how support for moorland and upland areas can be improved. It may be appropriate to include details of solutions that have worked in another part of the country so that they may act as a template for addressing similar problems in the study area.

THE WORKSHOP

This workshop will be held to obtain the views of local people. Questions will be prepared for each of the three strands and these will be given out on arrival. Each Strand will be introduced with a short presentation and then there will be an opportunity for discussion in small groups with a facilitator from the Forum. The questions can be answered within the groups or individually.

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There is no charge for attendance.

Lunch will be provided

Forum Members would like to hear your views

Upland Solutions Stakeholders Workshop

Thursday, 25th February 2010
Lochside Hotel, New Cumnock
KA18 4PN. Tel: 01290 333000

Application Form

Title.....Name.....

Organisation.....

Job title.....

Address.....

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Tel..... Fax.....

Email.....

I wish to attend the workshop on 25 February

I would like to have lunch provided.

Special dietary requirements

Please contact us by phone or fill in the above details and return by post to the address overleaf or send details by e-mail to info@moorlandforum.org.uk

The deadline for receipt of application forms is:

12 noon, Thursday 18th February

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OUTLINE PROGRAMME

10:30	Registration
11:00	Welcome & Introduction
11:15	Upland Birds: Issues and discussion
11:55	Carbon: Issues and discussion
12:35	LUNCH
13:20	Upland Economics: Issues and discussion
14:10	Overview and general discussion
14:45	Close
14-45 – 15:15	Opportunity for further / individual discussion

LOCATION

Registration will take place from 10:30 in the Lochside Hotel. The hotel is situated to the west of the A76, 1 mile north of New Cumnock. Post code: KA18 4PN

ATTENDANCE

The workshop is aimed at people with an active interest in the uplands in or close to the study area. This includes: landowners, farmers, gamekeepers, local people, and recreational users. It is hoped to attract representatives from a diverse range of interests.

Those wishing to attend should complete the application form and send it to the Forum Administrator by 18th February. All applications will be acknowledged.

LUNCH

A light lunch will be provided, if booked in advance. Please indicate on your booking form if you have special dietary requirements.

SCOTLAND'S MOORLAND FORUM

The Forum was established in 2002 to provide an opportunity for a diverse range of organisations to come together to discuss issues that effect the management of Scotland's moorland and upland areas. 24 organisations founded the Forum and membership has since expanded to 30.

The Forum has since developed as a vital multi-stakeholder group that is dedicated to understanding the challenges that face Scotland's moorland and upland areas and to identifying and enabling appropriate solutions.

A list of members and other information are available from the Forum's website:

www.moorlandforum.org.uk