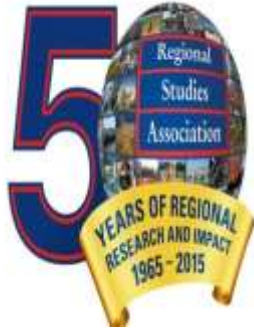


Call for Papers:

Rural Entrepreneurship – Acquiring Community Assets

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The Scottish Government has just completed its consultation on Community Empowerment. Apart of this process was a review of community asset ownership. Community asset ownership has created entrepreneurial opportunities not least in rural locations. It is therefore highly appropriate to host this conference on the whisky island of Islay in which has seen the establishment of several examples of the transfer of assets to community ownership which has led to the opening up of several entrepreneurial opportunities. The island also has innovative examples of alternative energy schemes and being an island it possesses characteristics associated with island communities and hence is an ideal location for a conference on rural entrepreneurship.

Whilst the conference will have a focus on Community Asset Ownership abstracts for papers from all with an interest in rural entrepreneurship will be welcome. We encourage contributions from academics and practitioners alike. Papers contributing to the growing debate around rural entrepreneurship ranging from the conceptual, descriptive to empirical papers, to those presenting best practise case studies are welcome.

Venue: Ionad Chalum Chille, Bowmore, Islay, Scotland. Date: 18-19 June 2015

Whilst this Call for Papers highlights the role of community asset ownership papers are welcome on the following topics:

Can 'enterprise' provide a solution to rural poverty and deprivation?

What is the role of the social sector, the social entrepreneurs, social enterprises and social businesses in reducing poverty and deprivation in the rural economy?

-Agricultural enterprise and diversification

-Sustainability and the rural enterprise

-Continuity and Change in the Rural; - Rural Entrepreneurship in different countries and contexts

Rural Entrepreneurship and Gender; Creative Entrepreneurial Diversification

Micro-business focus to High growth opportunities; -Rural and Technological Entrepreneurship

Food Business and the Rural Economy; -The Effect of geography and Place on Rural Entrepreneurship

Illegal Rural Entrepreneurship and the effects of crime on Rural Entrepreneurship

Renewables and Enterprise; The effect of Policy on Rural Entrepreneurship

250 word abstract to be submitted by February 2nd 2015

Full Papers required by 17 April 2015

Submit abstracts to: Dr Anne MJ Smith, Glasgow School for Business and Society, Glasgow Caledonian University, Cowcaddens Rd, Glasgow email: anne.smith@gcu.ac.uk

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Conference Fee £130 which includes refreshments, lunches teas and coffees, and conference dinner. We are planning a whisky tasting and presentations of local initiatives associated with the conference themes. The fee does not include accommodation. Whilst there are several small hotels and guest houses on the island early booking is advisable. Getting to Islay: Flybe flies twice a day from Glasgow International airport. Ferries go twice a day from Kennacraig terminal on the Mull of Kintyre, Argyll Scotland.



