



Community
Woodlands
Association

2024 CONFERENCE

Friday 4th October 11.45pm - 7.30pm

Merkinch Community Centre, Inverness

ARRIVAL

11.45 Registration, networking and displays
12.15 **Lunch**

AFTERNOON SESSION

13.00 **Welcome**
Andy Rockall - CWA Director

13.10 **Keynote Speech: Growing Future Foresters:
Amanda Bryan Lessons from the American Mid-West**

13.35 **Delivering the Forest Strategy:** progress supporting more people and communities to benefit from using, managing and owning woodlands
Dr Amy Nicolson - Urban Woodlands and Communities Advisor, Scottish Forestry

WORKSHOPS

14.00 **Introduction**

14.05 **WORKSHOP 1**

15.05 **Refreshments**

15.25 **WORKSHOP 2**

1. Just add biscuits - Youth volunteering at Dunnet Community Forest
2. Woodland group enterprise and sustainability
3. Community Asset Transfer
4. Working with the private sector
5. Fund raising for community woodland groups
6. Bring your issues - Action Learning Sets

16.25 **A year in CWA**
CWA mentoring programme. CWA achievements and progress

16.50 **Close and Thanks**

17.10 **AGM - all CWA members welcome**

17.45 **Evening meal**

19.30 **CEILIDH** (St Marys Church Hall - 20 minute walk from Merkinch Community Centre)



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Saturday 5th October 9.15am - 4.00pm

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09.15 ARRIVAL + REGISTRATION

MORNING SESSION

09.30

Welcome

Andy Rockall - CWA Director

09.40

From Field to Community Forest, the funding, the fallouts and all the fun in between!

John Hitchcock - SEACHange Trustee, Collieston, Aberdeenshire

10.05

Anagach Woods Trust

Hamish Napier - A director of the Anagach Woods Trust

SITE VISITS

10.30

Introduction

- **Abriachan** Community Woodland
- **Culduthel** Community Woodland
- **Dingwall** Community Woodland
- **Dunain** Community Woodland

10.40

Buses depart

13.10

Buses return

13.10

LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION

14.00

Site visit feedback

14.20

Members voice - sharing experience and practice

An opportunity to have your say on things that matter to you in your woodland group - you will take part in 3 x 20 minute table discussions where no-one is the expert, but everyone has something to say about the topic being discussed at that table.

A CWA staff/ Board member will take notes and then share summary highlights in real-time once the discussions are completed. It's important for CWA to capture your thinking to help us shape our workstreams and to be able to support our members going forward, and it is equally important for you, our members, to share your experiences with each other.

15.15

Summaries from all tables

15.50

Closing remarks

Andy Rockall - CWA Director

16.00

Finish

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