

# Community Carbon Offsetting

Voluntary nature-based carbon offset design, delivery and evaluation to provide community benefits

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## Agenda

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Day 1	
	Welcome and introductions (Prof Matt Hannon)
	<p><b>Session 1: Exploring current carbon offset project designs and their development process</b></p> <p><i>Woodland and Peatland Carbon Code project design choices</i></p> <p> <a href="#">Dr Renée Kerkvliet-Hermans</a> – Peatland code co-ordinator, IUCN UK Peatland Programme</p> <p> <a href="#">Dr Pat Snowdon</a> – Head of Economics and Woodland Carbon Code, Scottish Forestry</p> <p><i>An overview of nature-based carbon offset developments in the Cairngorms</i></p> <p> <a href="#">Grant Moir</a> – Chief Executive Officer at Cairngorms National Park Authority</p>
	<p><b>Session 2: Market structures and their impact on offset project design</b></p> <p><i>Voluntary carbon and compliance markets</i></p> <p> <a href="#">Prof Mark Reed</a> – Director, Thriving Natural Capital Challenge Centre   Professor of Rural Entrepreneurship at SRUC</p> <p><i>How can market and project design contribute to community benefits?</i></p> <p> <a href="#">Kate Downen</a> – Head of Sustainable Nature Finance at Scottish Government</p>
	<p><b>Session 2 continued...</b></p> <p><i>Carbon Markets, Landownership and Public Interest in Scotland</i></p> <p> <a href="#">Dr. Jill Robbie</a> – Senior Lecturer in Private Law, University of Glasgow</p> <p><i>Financing and Governing Nature-based carbon offsets: Key considerations and a framework</i></p> <p> <a href="#">Dr. Mark Hiron</a> – Research Fellow in Environmental Social Science at the University of Oxford</p>
	<p><b>Session 3: Facilitated session exploring project design <i>and</i> market choices, and their impact on communities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the key design choices for nature-based offsets and associated trade-offs for developers and communities?</li> <li>• Where might market-level interventions encourage projects to be designed in a way to improve community welfare?</li> </ul>

<b>Day 2</b>	
	Recap Prof Matthew Hannon
	<p><b>Session 4: Who is “the community” and why does it matter for offsetting?</b></p> <p><i>Carbon Offsets: Communities of Interest &amp; Communities of Place</i></p> <p> <a href="#">Alastair McIntosh</a> – Scottish writer, academic and activist</p> <p><a href="#">Alison Strange</a>: An invited response, followed by broader discussion</p>
	<p><b>Session 5: What constitutes “community benefit” and how do we evaluate it?</b></p> <p><i>Community Benefits: Lessons from Community Led Development</i></p> <p> <a href="#">Dr Zoe Laird</a> – Regional Head of Communities Infrastructure, Highlands and Islands Enterprise</p> <p><i>Different framings of community benefits, examples, evaluation etc.</i></p> <p> <a href="#">Prof Tavis Potts</a> – Professor in Sustainable Development, University of Aberdeen</p>
	<p><b>Session 6: Strategies to support community wealth building via nature-based carbon offsets</b></p> <p><i>Community Wealth Building and a Just Transition to Net Zero</i></p> <p> <a href="#">Miriam Brett</a> – Director of Research and Advocacy at Common Wealth</p>
	<p><i>Plenary reflecting on insights about how we frame, evaluate and facilitate community benefit from voluntary nature-based carbon offsets.</i></p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Hamish Trench</a> (Scottish Land Commission)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Sarah Nicholas</a> (Forestry Land Scotland)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Ailsa Raeburn</a> (Community Land Scotland)</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Session 7: Approaches to enhance the role(s) of community in the design and implementation of nature-based offsets?</b></p> <p><i>‘Practitioners’ perspectives on the barriers and enablers for effective participation’</i></p> <p> <a href="#">Caitlin Hafferty</a> – Postdoctoral Researcher in Environmental Social Science, University of Oxford</p>
	<p>Workshop (with tea and coffee)</p> <p><i>Interactive session: modes of community participation</i></p> <p><a href="#">Dr. Jen Roberts</a> – Chancellor's Fellow in Energy, Society &amp; Policy</p>
	Wrap up and final reflections – Prof Matt Hannon