

The centrality of place, work and folk in the UN SDGs: learning with Falkland Estate towards Scotland's Land Use Strategy

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Context

- Patrick Geddes' place, work, folk trinity represents need for policy coherence for sustainable landscapes
- Scotland's Land Rights and Responsibility Statement is up for review
- Timely to consider policy and practice around stewardship and goals for land



Aims

- To critically investigate how the SDGs might influence the transformation of integrated land use & governance models in Scotland and beyond
- To facilitate action learning with Falkland as a real world exemplar
- To inform the implementation of the Land Use Strategy, the Land Rights and Responsibilities Statement (LRRS), SDGs and other policy

Activities and outputs

Workshop 1 - [Sustainable land use and governance in Scotland: addressing the global UN SDGs, national imperatives and local needs](#)

Workshop 2 - [Strengthening Policy for Sustainable Land use and Governance in Scotland](#)

Workshop 3 - [Sustainable land use strategy for Falkland Estate](#)

Film



Poem: *The Land* – Caren Gilbert

Think about the land, about its shifting communication and nature; it adapts and stewards us into aspirations of connection and reflection, when we turn towards people and planet as one.

Briefing paper and policy brief

The interactivity of the UN Sustainable Development Goals: integration purpose, process and tools

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In one word, what does sustainability mean to you?

Word cloud containing terms: responsible, whole, forever, term, communal, survival, long, analogue, circular, scale, life, good, landrights, responsibility, small, positive, cooperation, connection, awareness, co-operation, relationship, environmental, renewable.

Conclusions

Pace of change - urgency alongside the benefits of genuine engagement, which needs time.

Policy scale – align policies and actions at different scales, including SDGs, 4th National Planning Framework and local policies.

Rights and responsibilities - we have recently focused more on human rights in relation to land access in Scotland; we need to consider the rights of nature more.

Covid-19 –has increased appreciation of local nature/land, but has generated challenges

Collaboration – Dialogue and shared goals are crucial but structural changes will also be needed. Stakeholder engagement is key to sustainable land use. Art inspires!

Theory and philosophy – we need uniting theory and philosophy to inform our strategies. A Just Transformation rather than a Just Transition is required.

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<https://www.scottishinsight.ac.uk/Programme/UNGlobalGoals/FolkPlaceWork.aspx>