



Making soils count - International Year of Soils Scotland 2015 **9 September 2015, Battleby**

Purpose:

International Year of Soils (IYS 2015) aims to promote awareness of soil and demonstrate practical options for sustainable management of the land taking account of soils.

This event, part of IYS 2015, will provide opportunities to

- take stock of and share the 'soil knowledge' that exists in Scotland
- explore applications and techniques available to describe and monitor soils
- draw together specialists and practitioners from a range of sectors to identify common challenges and to discuss improving access and use of information

Who is it for?

This event is for all those who have responsibility for soil and its sustainable management in Scotland. In particular - land managers, advisors, researchers, public agencies and NGO's.

Content:

The day will include a variety of presentations and workshops including contributions from SEPA, The Hutton and SNH.

Opportunities for discussion, including a soil 'marketplace' and workshop sessions, will address the role and value of soil and particularly 'soil in the digital world'. These sessions will enable gaps in data, shortfalls in accessibility and usability of information to be identified.

Times: The event will start at 10:00 (coffee and registration from 09.30) and finish by 16:00.

Venue: Battleby Conference Centre, Redgorton, Perth PH1 3EW

Organiser: Scottish Natural Heritage in partnership with Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Field Studies Council, British Geological Survey, The James Hutton Institute, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Scottish Rural College and Cifal Scotland and supported by the IYS(Scotland)2015 partnership

Cost: Free – lunch & refreshments will be provided.

Booking: To book a place, please download the booking form from the website and return it to sgp@snh.gov.uk as soon as possible and no later than Friday 21st August.



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