



Development  
Trusts Association  
Scotland

A Thriving Community-led Network

# ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Tuesday 26th August & Wednesday 27th August  
**2025**



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# PROGRAMME

## DAY ONE – TUESDAY 26TH AUGUST

9am – 10:30am	<b>Arrival, Registration &amp; Marketplace</b> <i>Annie Lennox Foyer and Library</i>
10am – 10:30am	<b>DTAS Annual General Meeting (optional session)</b> <i>Lecture Theatre</i>
10:30am - 10:45am	<b>Break</b>
10:45am - 12:15pm	<b>Common Sense, Common Good: Rebuilding Democracy in Scotland with Pauline Smith (DTAS Chief Exec) and Andy Wightman</b> <i>Lecture Theatre</i>
12:15pm – 1:30pm	<b>Lunch &amp; Marketplace</b> <i>Library</i>
1:30pm – 5pm	<b>External Study Visits</b>  <i>Meet in Annie Lennox Foyer at 1:15pm</i>  The Pyramid at Anderston, Community Central Hall, Strathblane Community Development Trust
	1:45pm - 3pm <b>Workshops</b> <i>Classrooms</i>  3pm – 3:30pm <b>Break</b>  3:30pm - 4:45pm <b>Workshops</b> <i>Classrooms</i>
5pm – 6:30pm	<b>Break</b>
6:30pm – Late	<b>Drinks Reception and Dinner</b> <i>Trades Hall, G1 1UH (ticketed)</i>

## DAY TWO – WEDNESDAY 27TH AUGUST

9am – 10am	<b>Arrival, Marketplace &amp; Networking</b> <i>Library</i>
10am - 11:15am	<b>Morning Workshops</b> <i>Classrooms</i>
11:15am – 11:45am	<b>Break</b>
11:45am - 1pm	<b>Afternoon Workshops</b> <i>Classrooms</i>
1pm - 2:15pm	<b>Lunch &amp; Marketplace</b> <i>Library</i>
2:15pm - 3:30pm	<b>Closing Session: Short Talks with Development Trusts</b> <i>Lecture Theatre</i>  Glenkens Community & Arts Trust, MAXwell Community Centre and Garden, Staffin Community Trust (Urras an Taobh Sear)
3:30pm	<b>Close</b>

# WORKSHOPS

## DAY ONE (Tuesday 26th August)

1:45pm – 3pm and repeated at 3:30pm – 4:45pm

### Workshop 1

#### **Building Connections – Strengthening the Social Ties in your Community**

Development Trusts Association Scotland, Cranhill Development Trust, Cupar Development Trust, Dunoon Community Development Trust, Edinburgh Old Town Development Trust

### Workshop 2

#### **Understanding your Organisation's Future: Using DTAS' Vision, Mission and Values Toolkit**

Development Trusts Association Scotland

### Workshop 3

#### **Stow Community Trust on Nurturing the Ambition of our Community**

Stow Community Trust

### Workshop 4

#### **Community Climate Adaptation Routemap**

Adaptation Scotland, Verture



## DAY TWO (Wednesday 27th August)

10am – 11:15am and repeated at 11:45am – 1pm (unless stated otherwise)

### Workshop 1

#### **DTAS Manifesto Writing Workshop: Have Your Say**

Development Trusts Association Scotland

*\*This workshop is for DTAS Members only*

### Workshop 2

#### **Unlocking Impact: Measuring your Social Value**

Development Trusts Association Scotland, Social Value Engine

### Workshop 3

#### **The Resilience Toolkit (co-create with us)**

Development Trusts Association Scotland

### Workshop 4

#### **PRESS PAUSE – do you feel tourism just happens to your community? Can tourism be a force for good?**

SCOTO – Scottish Community Tourism Network CIC

### Workshop 5

#### **The Power and Perils of Great Communication**

Three Sides Mediation, Healthy n Happy Community Development Trust

### Workshop 6

#### **The Future of Community-led Housing in Scotland – Doing Things Differently**

South of Scotland Community Housing (SOSCH), Nith Valley Leaf Trust, KPT Development Trust

### Workshop 7

#### **Taking on the Church: Sharing Learning to Date and Informing the Future**

Community Ownership Support Service, Historic Environment Scotland, Kilmaluag Liosmor

10am – 11:15am only

### Workshop 8

#### **Accelerating Community-Owned Energy**

Democratic Finance Scotland, Local Energy Scotland, Arran Community Renewables, Scottish Community Coalition on Energy

10am – 11:15am only

### Workshop 9

#### **Effective Community Engagement – How to Avoid Breakdown in Community Relations**

Community Ownership Support Service

11:45am – 1pm only

### Workshop 10

#### **Local Legacy Giving - An Untapped Opportunity for Development Trusts?**

Democratic Finance Scotland

11:45am – 1pm only

# DELEGATE INFORMATION



Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the venue.

A quiet room is available on the ground floor of the Annie Lennox building in W005.

## Lanyards and workshop selections

All delegates and staff will be wearing lanyards throughout the conference. They are colour coded to allow you to easily identify DTAS staff or trustees should you have any questions. DTAS Staff will be wearing black and/or rainbow, trustees will be wearing green and all other delegates will be wearing blue.



**Your chosen workshop information can be found on the back of your lanyard. At the end of the event, please ensure that you return your lanyard to the registration desk in the foyer so that they can be reused.**

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