



Development
Trusts Association
Scotland

A Thriving Community-led Network

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Tuesday 1st September & Wednesday 2nd September

2026



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PROGRAMME

DAY ONE – TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

9am – 10:30am	Arrival, Registration & Marketplace <i>Annie Lennox Foyer and Library</i>
10am – 10:30am	DTAS Annual General Meeting (optional session) <i>Lecture Theatre</i>
10:30am - 10:40am	Break
10:40am - 12:15pm	Opening session with Pauline Smith (DTAS Chief Exec) and Panel discussion (panelists to be announced) Places of Change - Beyond Resilience: How Local Actions Combine into National Impact <i>Lecture Theatre</i>
12:15pm – 1:30pm	Lunch & Marketplace <i>Library</i>
1:30pm – 5pm	
External Study Visits	
<i>Meet in Annie Lennox Foyer at 1:15pm</i>	
Lochwinnoch Community Development Trust	
Growing 21	
1:45pm - 3pm	Workshops <i>Classrooms</i>
3pm – 3:30pm	Break
3:30pm - 4:45pm	Workshops <i>Classrooms</i>
5pm – 7pm	Evening Reception Drinks, Canapees and Networking <i>Library</i>

DAY TWO – WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

9am – 10am	Arrival, Marketplace & Networking <i>Library</i>
10am - 11:15am	Morning Workshops <i>Classrooms</i>
11:15am – 11:45am	Break
11:45am - 1pm	Afternoon Workshops <i>Classrooms</i>
1pm - 2:15pm	Lunch & Marketplace <i>Library</i>
2:15pm - 3:30pm	Closing Session: Short Talks with Development Trusts <i>Lecture Theatre</i>
	West Lothian Community Development Forum Our Rannoch Edinburgh Old Town Development Trust
3:30pm	Close

WORKSHOPS

DAY ONE (Tuesday 1st September)

1:45pm – 3pm and repeated at 3:30pm – 4:45pm (unless stated otherwise)

Lecture Theatre

The Hard Road Back - Deep Dive

Comrie Development Trust

*1:45pm - 3pm only

Lecture Theatre

Small island, big ambitions - Honest reflections on community development, resilience and rural realities - Deep Dive

Shapinsay Development Trust

*3:30pm - 4:45pm only

Room W010A

Managing Traditional Buildings

Historic Environment Scotland

Room W001

Figuratively Speaking – a deep-dive into finances.

DTAS, PRESbiz, Inspiralba

*This workshop is for DTAS members only

Room W010B

Game On - Grow your climate confidence with ClimatACTical

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DAY TWO (Wednesday 2nd September)

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

Room W002

Back to Basics - Community Shares & Crowdfunding

DTAS Democratic Finance, Action Porty

Room W009

Getting Started with Local Legacy Giving

DTAS Democratic Finance, Eriskay Heritage

Room W010B

Creating a Space Where Everyone Feels Like They Belong: How to Improve Diversity and Inclusion in Board Recruitment and Retention

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Room W001

Keeping Calm, Cool and Collected - Crisis Comms and Getting Your House in Order

The Emerald Agency

Room W007

From Vision to Action: Building a Practical Strategy and Operational Plan

DTAS, Killin and Ardeonaig Trust

Room W004

Active Governance

DTAS, Brodies

Room W010A

Facilities Management Fundamentals, Empowering Charities for Success

DTAS Community Ownership Support Service

Room W003

Multiple Assets Ownership – are your organisational structure and governance processes appropriate?

DTAS Community Ownership Support Service, Arisaig Community Trust, Beith Community Development Trust, Westray Development Trust

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.

Our team will be taking photographs throughout the event for our social media channels and for future publications. If you do not consent to having your photograph taken, please let one of the DTAS team know.



QR Code

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Mobile Phones and Slido

Mobile phones should be kept on silent while in the conference venue, however we do encourage you to post on social media with the hashtag #DTAS26



We will be operating Q&A in the main sessions using Slido. This can be accessed through your web browser on your mobile phone so make sure you have it on you if you wish to participate. We encourage all delegates at the conference to contribute where they feel comfortable.



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