



Scottish Allotments  
and Gardens Society

## **ANNUAL SCOTTISH ALLOTMENTS CONFERENCE 2015**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015 Victoria Halls, Dunblane FK15 9EX**

### **THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SOILS**

09.30 Registration, Coffee, Networking and Stalls

10.00 WELCOME – Ian Welsh, President, Scottish Allotments and Gardens Society

10.05 REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES 2014-15

10.15 FUTURE FOR ALLOTMENTS IN SCOTLAND:

Dr Aileen McLeod, Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

10.45 PRESENTATIONS ON SOIL AND ALLOTMENTS

- Allotment soils: Matt Aitkenhead (The James Hutton Institute)
- Climate change – carbon sequestration in soil: Prof John Grace (Botanical Society of Scotland)
- Soil Contamination: Alison Swanson (SAGS)

11.30 QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

12.00 LUNCH

(secondhand book exchange and book signing session)

13.00 KAREN KENNY, President, National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners

13.15 ALLOTMENTS IN DEPRIVED COMMUNITIES: Alex Rowley MSP (tbc)

13.45 REPORTS FROM SITES

Slopefield (Aberdeen), Three Towns Growers (Ardrossan), Eglinton Growers (N. Ayrshire), Garnock Valley (Ayrshire), St Monans (Fife)

15.00 WORKSHOP SESSIONS

- Soil Remineralisation – Jennifer Brodie
- Micro-growing and improving soil fertility with fungi – Tim Daniell (James Hutton Institute)
- Seed saving – open pollinated seeds and F1 hybrids (tbc)
- Social media for ploholders, young and old – Robert French

16.00 CONCLUSION OF CONFERENCE

16.15 Scottish Allotments and Gardens Society ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING