

# Knowledge Fair Programme

Friday 3 – Saturday 4 December 2021



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## FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER

### Session 1: Welcome to Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels

10:00	Welcome	<i>Dr Lucy Lush, SSRS Assistant Project Manager</i>
10:10	Project film: The People Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels	
10:25	Keynote speech	<i>Dr Jenny Bryce, NatureScot</i>
10:30	The SSRS-Developing Community Action story	<i>Dr Mel Tonkin, SSRS Project Manager Dr Emma Sheehy, North East Conservation Officer Mary-Anne Collis, Argyll, the Trossachs &amp; Stirling Conservation Officer Ann-Marie MacMaster, Tayside Conservation Officer Sarah Cooper, South East Community Engagement Officer</i>
11:35	Q&A	

### 12:00 – 13:00 LUNCH

### Session 2: Around the UK

13:00	Holding the Red Line in Northern England	<i>Heinz Traut, Red Squirrels Northern England</i>
13:15	Northern Ireland update	<i>Katy Bell, Ulster Wildlife Trust</i>
13:30	Red squirrel reintroductions in the north of Scotland	<i>Alan McDonnell, Trees for Life</i>
13:45	Q&A	

### 14:10 – 14:20 BREAK

### Session 3: Science and Research

14:20	Grey squirrel fertility control progress	<i>Kay Haw, UK Squirrel Accord</i>
14:35	Occupancy modelling of squirrel populations in Scotland	<i>Dr Ewan McHenry, Woodland Trust</i>
14:50	An overview of mathematical modelling studies to inform red squirrel conservation	<i>Dr Peter Lurz, University of Edinburgh</i>

15:05	Spatial ecology of grey squirrels in an urban environment	<i>Devin Fitzpatrick, University of the Highlands and Islands</i>
15:20	Pine martens and squirrels	<i>Dr Emma Sheehy, Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels</i>
15:35	Q&A	
16:00	Close	

## **SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER**

### **Session 1: Celebrating Community Action**

10:00	Welcome to Day 2	<i>Dr Lucy Lush, SSRS Assistant Project Manager</i>
10:10	Grey squirrel control and the SSRS trap loan scheme	<i>James Kennedy, SSRS Grey Squirrel Officer</i>
10:25	Woodland management and the Forestry Grant Scheme	<i>Colin Edwards, Scottish Forestry Mary-Anne Collis, SSRS Conservation Officer Argaty Red Kites</i>
10:45	Building a volunteer network in the south of Scotland	<i>Dr Peter Garson, Gatehouse Squirrel Group John Rae, Save our Squirrels Berwick Group</i>
11:30	Q&A	

### **12:00 – 13:00 LUNCH**

13:00 – 13:45	Trapping and tech workshop (optional, booking essential)	<i>James Kennedy and Chris Fairgrieve, SSRS Grey Squirrel Control Officers</i>
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### **Session 2: Looking to the Future**

13:00	Communicating the DCA story	<i>Gill Hatcher, SSRS Communications and Engagement Officer</i>
13:15	The Community Hub legacy	<i>Nicole Tipple, SSRS Data officer</i>
13:30	Developing Community Action: lessons learned and future needs	<i>Dr Mel Tonkin, SSRS Project Manager</i>
13:45	Q&A	<i>including Eileen Stuart (NatureScot)</i>
14:30	Closing reflections	<i>Jo Pike, Scottish Wildlife Trust</i>
14:35	Project film: The People Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels (repeat)	