Welcome

#ORFC20
#BeyondStewardship
Storytellers

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How might we enable equitable and responsible stewardship of land that tends to the future?

How is responsibility for land being shared via participatory governance and ownership models?

Is a modern-day ‘commons’ a desirable proposition? Is it possible?
Megan MacInnes
Scottish Land Commission

Three opportunities to govern land differently in the 2020’s
Scottish Land Commission: a public body to “drive land reform forward”
Established in 2016
Land reform is ongoing - as relevant in urban areas as it is in rural ones
Changing behaviour and culture on ground, as much as statutory reforms
Learning from international experience
LAND INEQUALITY has a negative effect on economic growth.

CONCENTRATED OWNERSHIP creates imbalances of social and economic and decision making power.

DIVERSIFIED OWNERSHIP and inclusive decision making increases productivity, reduces inequalities and creates a fair and prosperous Scotland.

INCREASED ECONOMIC GROWTH

Creating a Scotland where economic growth benefits everyone and everyone has the opportunity to contribute to that growth.

SUSTAINABLE & INCLUSIVE GROWTH #landandeconomy
Moving from ‘Ownership’ towards ‘Participatory Governance’

Ninian Stuart
Falkland Estate
Circa 4000 acres

Hunting lodge of Royal Stuart Monarchs; early Pictish settlement

Current owners (Stuart family) keen to open-out ownership

Centre for Stewardship established in 2006
Discussion

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>> ‘Get on my land’!

The challenges of sharing responsibility and land in practice
900 acres in the Chiltern Hills
250 acre farm
430 acres mixed forestry
Community of 25 rented houses
Hemp processing, forest school, market gardens, renewable energy
How much change is ‘good enough’?

Corin Stuart
Windyridge Estate
180 acres lowland heath Local Nature Reserve, Ashdown Forest - European Special Protection Area and SSSI

60 acres pasture; 160 acres ancient woodland, commercial forestry

Nightjars, Dartford Warblers, Silver-studded blue butterflies

Two local families renting cottages, large communal house
How can we open-up new possibilities and make them happen?
# Discussion

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Want to continue the conversation? Please get in touch.