

The Future of Upland Farming Roundtable

Monday, 6th January, 2.30 – 3.30pm

Abstract

What contribution can the uplands make to a future of sustainable, enlightened agriculture? Do we need upland farming at all? And if it is part of the mix, what should it look like and why? What should our aims be? What stands in the way of these aims or helps pave the way towards them? How do we get there? These are some of the questions our panellists will be reflecting upon. Please come and join the discussion!

Roundtable participants:

Julia Aglionby, is Chair of the Foundation for Common Land and a Chartered Surveyor and Agricultural Valuer seeking solutions to delivering multiple outcomes in the uplands. She has recently completed her doctoral research on the Governance of Common Land in National Parks.

Martin Harper, Conservation Director at RSPB. He studied Biological Sciences at Oxford and Conservation at UCL, worked at Wildlife Countryside Link before spending five years as Conservation Director at Plantlife. He joined the RSPB as Head of Government Affairs in 2004 and from 2006 to 2011 was Head of Sustainable Development.

Mike Innerdale is Assistant Director (Operations) for the North West of the National Trust. Previous to that he was the General Manager of the Peak District at the National Trust and Regional Reserves Manager at the RSPB.

Bill Grayson, beef and sheep upland farmer based in Lancashire, focussed on grazing for conservation management.

Patrick Krause, is the Chief Executive of the Scottish Crofting Federation, the largest association of small scale food producers in the UK.