

Scottish Land & Estates Annual Taxation Event

Monday 8 December 2025

10:00-10:30 Registration

10:30-10:35 Welcome & Introduction

Stephen Young, Director of Policy, Scottish Land & Estates

10:35-10:45 SLE Taxation Group Update

Jackie McCreery, Legal Adviser, Scottish Land & Estates

10:45-12:15 Trusts: Should they stay or should they go? Navigating the post-IHT reform landscape – Case Study by Turcan Connell & Johnston Carmichael
Jennifer Younger, Turcan Connell; Neil Steven & Alex Docherty, Johnston Carmichael

We will explore the impact of the 2024 and 2025 Budgets on capital tax planning strategy in a rural business context. We expect this will have a focus on trusts and the planning options which remain available in the months prior to the proposed reforms to inheritance tax effective from April 2026. However, the detail of the case study presentation will be reactive to the 2025 Budget outcomes, so far as relevant to the farming and landed estate sector.

This session will include:

Considerations around the establishment of a new trust, retention or winding up of existing Trusts and the use of trusts on death.

Practical pointers to Trustees and advisors navigating the new IHT landscape to include managing Trust cashflow as a result of the changed landscape.

12:15-13:15 Lunch

13:15-13:40 Update on the UK Autumn Budget changes and the impact for the rural sector, to include considering the future tax landscape – Johnston Carmichael
Alex Docherty, Partner, Head of Private Client Tax

13:40-14:05 Litigation update – by Turcan Connell
An overview of recent and relevant tax cases

14:00-14:25 Employment Law developments and Update – Turcan Connell

14:25-14:40 Questions & Answers

14:45 Close