Highland Members' Regional Reception 2026

11 November 2026 (16:30 – 20:00)
The Strathdearn, Tomatin, Inverness, IV13 7YN

EVENT PROGRAMME

16:30 – 17:00	Member registration/tea & coffee
17:00 – 17:05	Welcome from Ben Mardall (Highland Regional Chair)

17:05 – 18:05	**SLE national, organisational, policy and political updates:**
	• Address from Patrick Colquhoun, SLE National Chair
	• National update from Sarah-Jane Laing, Chief Executive, and Stephen Young, Director of Policy
	  ○ Organisational update
	  ○ Policy and political update
	  ○ Looking ahead – challenges, opportunities, and priorities
	• Q&A - opportunity to ask questions of SLE Chair, Chief Executive, and senior team

18:05 – 18:40	**Joyce Campbell – co-owner of Armadale Farm in Sutherland** - Reimagining the role of a modern farmer: steward of the land, climate mitigator, community builder, and inspiring role model for future generations **Ian Ross – Chair of the Flow Country Partnership**
18:40 – 18:50	Sponsor address - Stuart Burbidge, Partner - Natural Capital & Sustainable Investment, Bidwells
18:50 – 18:55	Regional activity update (Regional Manager – Fiona Van Aardt)
18:55 – 19:00	Thanks & close by Ben Mardall (Highland Regional Chair)
19:00-20:00	Drinks reception, finger buffet and networking

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