



**SURF**  
Scotland's Regeneration Forum

SURF : sharing experience : shaping practice



## A SURF Debate

### Does Regeneration Work?

If so, how and for who? If not, why and what can be done?

From Urban Aid to the Community Aspirations fund; via SIPs and the Fairer Scotland Fund, to the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund, SPRUCE and Urban Regeneration Companies; for a quarter of a century, SURF has been doing all it can to support and promote better regeneration policy and practice.

So, what has changed in that time? What's been gained and what's been lost? Have our collective efforts and investments been enough to overcome the forces of degeneration? What does our collective experience so far tell us about how we should address future challenges and opportunities?

To consider these questions, and other perspectives, SURF is holding this special regeneration debate as part of their 25th Anniversary year activities.

**Ian Manson**, Chief Executive of the Clyde Gateway Urban Regeneration Company, and **Prof. Douglas Robertson**, academic and author of 'Groundhog Day? Explaining 50 years of Failed Renewal' will start the debate by drawing on their considerable experience and their differing perspectives. Additional views and insights will come from **Suzanne Lawns** of regeneration supporting housing provider, Urban Union and **Gehan MacLeod** of respected community enterprise GalGael.

Help us make the most of this quarter century pause for reflection in these rapidly changing times. Bring your experience and views to this special debate.

## Programme

- 13:00 Networking Lunch
- 14:00 Welcome and Introduction: **Kate Wimpres**, Board Member, SURF
- 14:10 Opening Presentations: **Ian Manson**, Clyde Gateway and **Prof. Douglas Robertson**, University of Stirling. Chaired by **Andy Milne**, Chief Executive, SURF
- 14:50 Responding Remarks: **Gehan MacLeod**, GalGael and **Suzanne Lawns**, Urban Union
- 15:00 Open Debate
- 16:00 Summing Up: **Ian Manson** and **Prof. Douglas Robertson**
- 16:10 Closing Remarks and Thanks: **Kate Wimpres** and **Andy Milne**
- 16:30 Close of Event

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