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Scotland's Regeneration Forum

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Achieving wider community regeneration outcomes through housing led approaches: SURF Awards Shared Learning Workshop – 15th July 2021

Background

SURF and the Scottish Government work together to identify and highlight excellence and innovation in initiatives that address social and economic challenges in disadvantaged communities through the annual SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration.

This **free virtual SURF Awards workshop event on 15th July** provides an opportunity to explore successful approaches to housing led regeneration initiatives providing wider community outcomes. The winning and highly commended projects from the 'Housing and Regeneration' category highlighted in the 2020 SURF Awards process will provide comment on their experiences and transferable learning.



(l-r): Nith Valley Passivhaus, Dunarn St, Newtyle and Gairloch

Workshop guests will firstly hear from a project representative from the 'Housing and Regeneration' category winner **Nith Valley Leaf Trust Community-Owned Passivhaus Project**. Located in Closeburn in Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland's first community-owned homes built to 'Passivhaus' ultralow energy standards met two distinct community needs around a lack of affordable housing and addressing fuel poverty.

This will be followed by input from the 'Housing and Regeneration' highly commended Angus Council **Dunarn Street, Newtyle** project. The project aimed to work with the local community to provide much-needed social housing in a rural area.

Guests will then hear from the second of the 'Housing and Regeneration' highly commended projects, Community Housing Trust's **Gairloch** project. The project redeveloped a derelict former hotel into a mixed-use site with affordable housing alongside better opportunities to be socially and economically active.

The event will close with **Scottish Federation of Housing Associations** providing detail on their current priorities towards supporting the wider housing sector. It will then open up to a discussion on National Policy.

The SURF Awards 'Housing and Regeneration' judging panel team – comprising representatives of INCH Architecture, Scottish Government More Homes Division, Kingdom Housing Association and Scottish Federation of Housing Associations – were particularly impressed by the level of community and tenant involvement in all three shortlisted developments.

This workshop will be delivered with support from the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA).

Programme

- 10:30am Welcome and Introduction: **Euan Leitch**, Chief Executive, SURF
- 10:35am Presentation, Nith Valley Leaf Trust Community –Owned Passivhaus: **Jakob Kaye**, NVLT and **Mike Staples**, SOSCH
- 10:45am Presentation, Dunarn St, Newtyle: **Jamie Ross**, Angus Council
- 10:55am Presentation, Gairloch: **John Forbes**, Communities Housing Trust
- 11:05am Questions and Comments with project representatives
- 11:20am Presentation, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations: **Stacey Dingwall**, SFHA
- 11:30pm Open Discussion on National Policy
- 11:50pm Summary, Thanks and What's Next: **Euan Leitch** and **Emma Scott**, Events, Information & Communications Manager, SURF
- 12:00pm Close

About the SURF Awards

Please visit www.surf.scot for more information on the SURF Awards and the outcomes of the 2020 process.

Check back the website or follow us on Twitter @SURFscot or Facebook – SURF for information on how to apply for the 2021 SURF Awards, which launch on Thursday 3rd June and close for applications at 5pm on Monday 6th September.