



sustainable uplands update: April 2010



Welcome

The Sustainable Uplands project is continuing to communicate its research outcomes to current stakeholders, policy-makers and new audiences. We would like to share some highlights of the last few months with you as well as let you know about our upcoming Sustainable Uplands workshops, where we'll be presenting and inviting participants to discuss some of the research findings of the project.

If you have any questions or would like any information about the project please do not hesitate to call or text 0797 428 6778; e-mail sustainableuplands@see.leeds.ac.uk or write to Sarah Buckmaster at the School of Geography, University of Leeds, Leeds, LS2 9JT

Sustainable Uplands Workshops

The aim of these workshops is to give all the participants a chance to engage with the research outcomes of the project. The days will include film screenings, presentations and open discussions. The dates and locations of the workshops are as follows:

- Tuesday 20 April 2010 at Moffat House Hotel, Moffat
- Wednesday 2 June 2010 at Losehill Hall, Castleton
- Tuesday 8 June 2010 at Nidderdale Community Education Room, Pateley Bridge

If you would like to attend any of the workshops, please contact Sarah on the details above as soon as possible.

Highlights

RELU Policy and Practice Note launched: How can policymakers address an uncertain future for upland areas? This publication details the Sustainable Uplands project's policy recommendations and can be viewed on our website. Please contact us if you would like a hard copy sent to you.

New grants: The project has been awarded 2 new grants by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the Rural Economy and Land Use programme (RELU) to write technical reviews on policy for sustainable peatland management and moor burning.

Government Rural Advocate praised the research of the Sustainable Uplands project:

Dr. Stuart Burgess, CBE, stated: *"The Sustainable Uplands project is a great example of research that is listening to and valuing those people that manage and live in upland environments whilst at the same time informing UK government and the general public. It is a challenging time for the uplands and the kind of research being carried out by this project is essential when trying to find out how we can sustain rural communities under future pressures"*

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General Updates



Sustainable Uplands Films: Baker Media (broadcast television and business video production: www.bakermedia.co.uk) has been contracted to film and produce two short films for the project. The films will be used to communicate the findings from the computer modelling used in the project. They will each show a potential upland future and are designed to spark discussion about how we can respond to future change in these environments. Filming has been underway in Nidderdale and the Peak District and the team are hoping the films will be finalised at the end of April 2010. *Thanks go to all those people who have been involved with the filming days in both locations.*

Media Coverage: After producing a press release to raise awareness of the policy recommendations arising from the Sustainable Uplands project's Policy & Practice Note, the project received press coverage from Yorkshire Post, Scotsman and Aberdeen Press and Journal as well as a number of other magazines and newsletters. Press coverage has also been received from Radio Scotland, Shetland News, Cumberland News and AOL news for the technical reviews.

Website: The project website has been updated and now has a regularly updated 'News' and 'Calendar of Events' page (www.see.leeds.ac.uk/sustainableuplands).

Facebook: The project now has a Facebook page with the latest research news and discussions. You can friend us at www.facebook.com/pages/RELU-Sustainable-Uplands-Project/158657937665



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