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FRESH Field Trip Overview

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1. What's the purpose of the field trip?
2. How will it be run?
3. What are the outputs?
4. What are our individual roles in it?



Purpose of the field trip?

- Overall aim is to better understand the links between “ecosystem services” and “sustainable communities”
 - What factors might help or hinder communities in capturing the benefits from ecosystem services?*
 - Field trip is designed to help us explore this question through the eyes of members of two different local communities within the mid-Deeside area: Tarland and Finzean
- * “Ecosystem services”: *the benefits people obtain from ecosystems**provisioning** services (food, fibre etc.), **regulating** services (water, air etc), **cultural** services (spiritual, recreational etc.) and **supporting** services (soil formation, nutrient cycling etc.)*

How will it be run?

2 groups (@15): Richard Aspinall/ Simon Power (Tarland)
Dick Birnie/ Robin Callandar (Finzean)

Tuesday

- **0900-1430** Visit sites where there are “ecosystem services” and “community” interests, together with members of the local community and “local experts”
- **1515-1700** Discussion and reflections of the visits: preparation of short presentation on key observations “*on the factors that are helping or hindering the community from capturing the benefits from ecosystem services*”

(Please note that several of the community members are joining us for dinner)

Wednesday

- **0930-1030** Report back session from each group, discussion and summary of overall key observations and what these might mean in terms of policy and decision making

What are the outputs?

- List of individual key points from the two groups
- Agreed list of key points and summary presentations from the two groups
- Summary of overall key observations and what these might mean in terms of policy and decision making

Our individual roles?

“Two groups, but the same process”

- Participatory process: depends upon all of our perspectives: we can all learn!
- The main purpose is to hear the views of the community members
- Listen, ask questions for clarification and record what you think are key points
- Try and avoid debate and argument (this can be saved for the discussion groups and bar afterwards!) but by all means provide relevant examples from your own experience
- First stage in the group process should be to capture all of the individual key points
- Please remember that we are the guests of the local community and respect this at all times
- WRAP UP WELL AND ENJOY YOURSELVES!

Any questions?

