

Calling all local food enthusiasts:

Nourish - Scotland's sustainable food network, is meeting in Stirling on February 26th and 27th.

Since the recent local food gathering at Dunbar in October 2009, a temporary steering group has been working to take forward the consensus that there should be a national network linking people and organisations with an interest in sustainable food. The network is called: **Nourish - Scotland' sustainable food network.**

Nourish is open to all who are actively growing, selling and eating locally produced food in Scotland - be they farmers, gardeners, Transition food groups, local markets, chefs, artisan pie-makers or just keen eaters of good local food.

The network will be a source of knowledge and encouragement for members but additionally will be able to consult and engage with its members to inform and contribute to food policy as this is being developed at local and national level in Scotland. For **Nourish** to have a voice and be a force for change, we need you to come and join us.

Our first public meeting will be in Stirling on February 26th and 27th.

On Friday the 26th there will be an informal programme of visits and discussions in the afternoon, followed by a meal in the evening.

On Saturday the 27th we will be discussing both how to strengthen our local food culture in Scotland and how to organise the network effectively.

Nourish is interested in all aspects of sustainable food production, distribution and consumption in Scotland, and the workshop topics include:

- Skills and jobs – who will grow, cook and sell our local food?
- Connecting consumers and producers – sourcing, labelling, distribution, co-operation
- Social justice – how does local food address inequality and food poverty
- Modelling a low carbon resilient local food system

The full programme for the event will be circulated shortly. We are very keen that this process should be truly collaborative and democratic, so please come along and share your views, energy and enthusiasm, to make sure that we collectively build a network that can help us share our good practice, speak on our behalf to government, and make real our vision of a robust, localised food infrastructure for Scotland.

We hope you can come and join us and help make **Nourish** work.

If you would like to book a place at this event, please contact:

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Support for travel expenses and overnight accommodation is available from TSS, so please don't let finances stop you from coming along.

Please pass this email invite onto anyone you think should know about this new network.

With best wishes,

The Nourish temporary steering group:

Alan Brown	Linlithgow Climate Challenge
Eva Schonveld	Transition Scotland Support
Eleanor Logan	Soil Association Scotland
Jane Gray	Lets Live Local, Moffat
Jim Mullen	Larderbytes
Jo Hunt	Highland Local Food Network
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